

SAN FRANCISCO PIONEERS

A History of

The San Francisco Pioneers were members of the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) for two seasons, 1979-1980 and 1980-1981. When the WBL chose to expand from their original eight teams (1978-1979) to 14 teams, the first city to get on board was San Francisco.

A February 8th, 1979 Oakland Tribune article titled: *Women's Pro Team to Bay* was the first chance for people to see the future. Marshall Geller, a businessman with Bear, Sterns & Co. one of the nation's leading stock brokerage firms headed up the group. The group was looking into playing sites in Oakland, San Jose, and San Francisco.

Marshall's research showed that organized basketball in colleges had jumped from 400 to 1,400 schools. As with most future owners he knew that if he could average 3,000 people a game he could break even financially. Unfortunately, his research also told him the following:

"This was an opportunity for me to get involved in the early stage of a sport, which, if it works, will cost more to be involved in two years from now."

He would not say what that cost is now.

"I can't afford not to follow this. Women are such an important factor on the consumer side of the country."

The eight teams in the WBL are midway through their first season on a 34-game schedule.

The Iowa Cornets in Des Moines are averaging 8-10,000 in attendance. Teams in Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis were averaging about 7,000 but have dropped because of poor weather conditions, said Geller.

For their quick response in purchasing a franchise, the unnamed Bay area team earned the right to choose first in the league's 2nd Annual Draft.

Sometime between February 8th and the end of April, the location and team name was chosen. The Bay area team would be known as the San Francisco Pioneers. An appropriate name for the journey that the owners and players were taking at the time.



On April 30th a local college coach, Frank LaPorte, signed on as the general manager and coach of the Pioneers. Not only was coach LaPorte named, but some of the other principle investors were named. These limited partners included Assemblyman Willie Brown, attorney Phil Ryan, and former San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Gene Washington. The team also chose the 8,500 seat Civic Auditorium as their home site for all 18 home games.

As the team began researching for the draft on May 10th they added to their staff by signing former Univ. of Cincinnati basketball star and 3rd round pick of the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks, Gary Yoder, to be their assistant coach.

One of the first moves to begin stocking their team was to acquire players that were familiar with the area. Former Stanford Univ. standout Maggie Nelson, who was the 4th player chosen by the New Jersey Gems in the 1978 draft, was acquired by the Pioneers. There was no known compensation for this transaction. In the same light Coach LaPorte said he wanted his first pick to be a West Coast player.

The first player actually signed by the Pioneers, on May 30th, was Cardie Hicks, a 5'10" high flying guard, from California with international experience in The Netherlands.

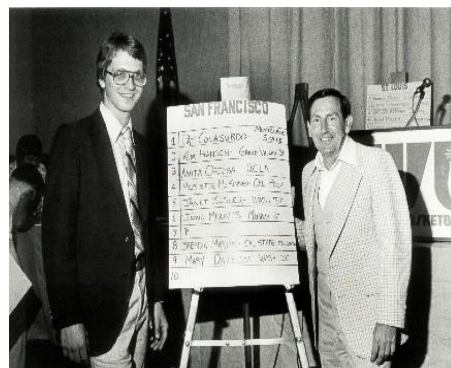


In preparation for the draft the 47-year old Coach LaPorte, who would make about \$35,000, called quite a few college coaches for input. These included Danny Ayala at Univ. of Nevada-Las Vegas, Olympic coach Sue Gunter, and Pepperdine coach Danny Yoakum. Even though Coach LaPorte wanted a West Coast presence, it was Montclair State's coach Maureen Wendelken, who convinced Gary Yoder, that Pat Colasurdo had a lot to offer.

The 2nd WBL Draft took place in New York City on June 12, 1979 in the Oval Room of the Roosevelt Hotel. With the first selection San Francisco selected a 5'10" forward from Montclair State University, Pat Colasurdo. Pat and her teammate, future Wade Trophy winner Carol Blazejowski, led their team to a 69-15 record in their three years together.

The Pioneer's picks were as follows

# 1	Pat Mayo	5'10"	Montclair State Univ.
# 2	Kim Hansen	6'1"	Grand Valley State
# 3	Anita Ortega	5'8"	U.C.L.A.
# 4	Musiette McKinney	5'10"	Cal. Poly - Pomona
# 5	Janet Kusler	5'8"	Washington State
# 6	Jackie Mounts	6'0"	Murray State Univ.
# 7	No Choice ??		
# 8	Brenda Martin	6'0"	Cal. State - Fullerton
# 9	Mary Danielson	5'7"	Washington State
#10	No Choice ??		



A June 16th article in the Newark Star-Ledger about Pat Colasurdo painted the picture of an athlete who embraced her feminine side, because she separates the court and life. After growing up in Bayonne, NJ and attending school at Montclair State, she and her fiancé Bob would be moving to the West Coast. Her August wedding would make her a "Mayo" by the beginning of the season.

On July 15th the beginning of publicity began with a San Francisco Examiner article on the players trying out to be Pioneers. A comparison was created as to who was risking the most – Marshall Geller, who could lose lots of money in a risky venture or players like Cardie Hicks, Pat Mayo, or Jan Ternyik who were possibly giving up their futures for a chance to play ball.



The Pioneers had a try-out camp at Potrero Hill Rec Center in early July, of which four players were asked to attend training camp. Three of those players were the focus of the article. Cardie Hicks, (<<) a talented player with an attitude problem in high school because her head was filled with lies about her skills. It was only after going to Europe to play ball that she began to appreciate what she had to offer. Her European nickname of “Spring Wonder” came from her dunking and ball handling exhibitions in Holland. She later became known as “Magic” during her time with San Francisco. Now she was ready to show case her talents and her newfound maturity to the U.S.

As for #1 Draft pick Pat Colasurdo, she was previously ready to quit basketball between her junior and senior year in college. Some friends convinced her to stay and her 23 points and 11.5 rebounds a game got her to San Francisco.



On the other end of the identity scale was Jan Ternyik, another Montclair State teammate of Pat Colasurdo. Jan attended the New York Stars’ six-hour tryout camp, and did not achieve her goal for her efforts. So, she paid her own way to go across the country and tryout with the Pioneers. She did well enough to earn a contract offer and a chance to come back to training camp. She understood the WBL pay scale, as she would look for outside work, even if she were to make the team.



As of July 16th, the Pioneers had only five players under contract. Cardie Hicks was the first, followed by Pat Colasurdo, and free agents Maggie Nelson of Stanford, and Linda Stoick of Michigan State, who was a 3rd round free agent pick of the Washington franchise in the 1978 WBL draft. The fifth player was 5’8” guard named Debbie Ricketts. A 1977 Tustin News article highlighted Debbie’s experience as a member of the Santa Ana Lionettes of the Women’s Professional Softball League. So, Debbie knew about receiving little publicity and low pay, therefore those things would not scare her away from the WBL.

On September 1st the Pioneers added two Hansens who both played at Grand Valley State (Michigan). 6’1” shooter Kim Hansen was the Pioneers 2nd round draft pick, while 6’1” Barb Hansen was the rebounding forward. They were not related.

A September letter to the sports editor by Dick Oxtot emphasized the disgust fans were having toward the NBA's Warriors. Mr. Oxtot was looking forward to the arrival of the Pioneers and the team basketball they would be playing.

When Anita Ortega arrived at training camp the coaches, LaPorte and Yoder, saw Anita possessed the skill and maturity they needed to have a solid team. Yet three weeks later, Anita still hadn't signed her contract and the coaches became concerned.

"I didn't really know what to expect," the UCLA graduate said. "I was kind of pessimistic about the whole thing before I got involved in it. I wanted to make sure I knew what I was doing. I could have done other things. I played in the Pan American games for Puerto Rico, and I could have stayed there and coached."

On September 27th the Pioneers announced that 3rd round draft pick Anita Ortega had signed with the team. The All-American was the running mate of another All-American, Ann Meyers, at UCLA where she scored 1,750 points in her career.

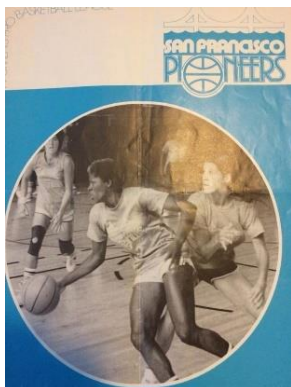
On September 28th a newspaper retraction took place saying that Anita changed her mind and was still negotiating with the Pioneers. Finally on the week of October 4th, Anita went to the team offices in the Jack Tar Building to sign her multi-year contract. The team took a break from training camp when Anita and others participated in the Columbus Day Parade that took place in downtown San Francisco.

Around mid-October the Pioneers added some more big names to their partnership as actors Alan Alda (M*A*S*H) and Mike Connors (Mannix) were monetarily supporting the team.



Later in the month Anita Ortega and Cardie Hicks represented the Pioneers at a Pacific Coast Fitness open house. They would be demonstrating the equipment at the Co-ed total fitness center.

When the original WBL schedule came out the Pioneers home opener was to be on Tuesday November 27th against the New York Stars. Yet on October 25th the opener was changed, because that was the one-year anniversary of the murders of George Moscone, the 37th mayor of San Francisco and Harvey Milk, a member of the Board of Supervisors.



No write-up about training camp could be found, but on October 28th the Pioneers travelled to Los Angeles to play in a pre-season game against the California Dreams. The game was in The Forum, the home of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers. The Dreams-Pioneers game was a preliminary to the Lakers-Warriors game. The Pioneers took this game 90-82.

The Pioneers shot a poor 33%, but made up for it with 24 offensive rebounds. Even though the Dreams had six players over 6 feet tall, the Pioneers outrebounded them 72-56. They also caused the Dreams to commit 37 turnovers.

Anita Ortega, who the coach described as a thoroughbred that just keeps going and never stops, led the way with 24 points and 14 rebounds. Musiette McKinney, the team's 4th round draft pick from nearby Cal-Poly Pomona, scored 20 points. Unfortunately, Cardie Hicks had to sit this game out with a bruised heel.

On Saturday November 3rd the Pioneers went south again to the campus of Cal State – Fullerton to take on the Dreams again. This time the Pioneers were smoked 108-81, in front of 400 fans. The Pioneers only trailed 56-50 at the half, before getting outscored 52-31 in the 2nd half.

A box score showed:

<u>Pioneers (81)</u>				<u>Dreams (108)</u>			
McKinney	18	Martin	4	Bucklew	26	Cook	8
Ortega	17	Franklin	4	Dunkle	18	Melbourne	7
Mayo	16	Ternyik	4	Tomich	13	McKenzie	6
Ricketts	8	Grant	2	Scharff	12	Uhl	4
Hicks	6	Hansen	2	Shirley	12	Tialavea	2

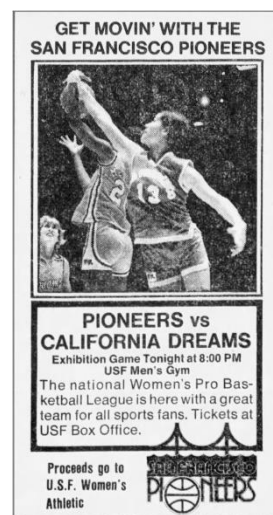
As we all focus on the players, the coaches, and the success of the team on the floor, much work was going on behind the scenes. Not all the Pioneers wore shorts, had long hair, or sweat a lot, there were those that made set the team's foundation. In the first year's yearbook, we see:

President	Marshall Geller	Team Physician	Dr. G. Strange
Head Coach/General Manager	Frank LaPorte	Radio Announcer	Dick Callahan
Assistant Coach	Gary Yoder	Head Statistician	John Pagano
Director of Marketing	Larry Baer	Team Colors	Columbia Blue/Gold
Director of Pub. Relations	Mary Pat Fink	Radio	KKIS 99 am
Office Assistant	Beth Forster	Television	Gill Cablevision
Trainer	Joann Dohallow		

The day before their next, and last, pre-season game a good-sized ad graced the San Francisco Examiner. Yet with no ticket prices listed only those who were curious travelled to the campus of Univ. of San Francisco, the 1952-56 home of Celtics legend Bill Russell.

After scoring 108 points in the previous game, this Friday's November 9th game saw the Pioneers hold the Dreams to only 72. The 95-72 final score was based on a 28-12 3rd quarter, that created separation for the two teams. Anita Ortega scored 27, while Cardie Hicks had 19, and Pat Mayo's 13 points and nine rebounds solidified the win. The Dreams' top scorer was Michelle McKenzie who had 12 points.

The Pioneers learned a lot with these pre-season games and were ready to fly to Washington D.C. to take on another expansion team.



To the surprise of many the WBL began their second season. The first game was between two of the newest teams, the host Washington Metros and the visiting San Francisco Pioneers. Each team had several exhibition games, so there shouldn't have been any nerves. . . but there were.

But it wasn't from the visitors, it was from the Metros.

After the Pioneers composed their own fight song:

*"Oh, when the Pioneers come marching in,
they're gonna run you right off the court,"*

and the Pioneers did just that.

On Thursday November 15, 1979 in the dark and depressing Starplex Armory in Washington, D.C., with a seating capacity of 10,000, only 350 people were there to kick off the second season. This was a far cry from the 7,824 who greeted a brand new league last December in Milwaukee. It was also a huge contrast to the 8,452 that were in the New Orleans Superdome that very same evening.

To add to the difference between the first and second seasons –

The Metros played in uniforms of various styles and hues, because their regular ones hadn't arrived. The Washington players looked as if they had got together at the last minute and decided to form a team . . .

The Pioneers took a commanding 27-15 lead, which they built on steadily throughout the game. They had a 50-37 halftime lead, which became 94-73 by the games' end. Cardie Hicks led the team with 28, while Anita Ortega added 24. Pat Mayo had 14 points and nine rebounds. But the real bonus, according to Coach Frank LaPorte was the 14 points and eight rebounds from Jan Ternyik, usually a light scoring reserve.

Defensively the Pioneers' Debbie Ricketts shut out Vivian Greene who was averaging 23.3 points during the Metros pre-season.

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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Foley, Bonnie	14		0				0				0						0
Franklin, Connie	21		0				0				0						0
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		1				4				0	3					6
Hicks, Cardie	10		12				4				0						28
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12		0				2				0						2
Mayo, Pat	13		7				0			9	9						14
McKinney, Musiette	33		1				2				0	3					4
Ortega, Anita	11		8				8			6	6			3			24
Ricketts, Debbie	8		1				0				0			4			2
Ternyik, Jan	22		5				4			8	8						14
Adjustment		240		69				41			16				11		
Totals		240	35	69	0	0	24	41	0	23	39	6	0	7	11	0	94
			FG%	50.7%			FT%	58.5%	Team Rebs								

Washington Metros																	Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bender, Evelyn	4		5				2				0						12
Brewer, Lisa	5		0				0				0						0
Caudle, Diane	13		0				1			6	6						1
Cooper, Accronetta	14		0				3			6	6						3
Fletcher, Carmen	22		2				0				0						4
Gault, Jody	2		2				0				0						4
Greene, Vivian	1		0				0				0						0
Hardy, Bertha	15		6				0			6	6						12
Harris, Willodean	21		3				4			9	9						10
McWhorter, Charlene	20		1				1				0						3
Schlesinger, Lisa	11		0				0				0						0
Shoemaker, Cathy	12		11				4				0						26
Adjustment		240	-1	80				29			18				22		-2
Totals		240	29	80	0	0	15	29	0	27	45	0	0	0	22	0	73
			FG%	36.3%			FT%	51.7%	Team Rebs								

With the WBL expanding to the west coast it meant that teams, like the Pioneers and the California Dreams, were probably going to have extended road trips. For the Pioneers their next trip was to New York City and Madison Square Garden.

The owners of the Stars felt that moving out of their previous smaller venue at Iona College to the "World's Most Famous Arena" would give the whole league an uplift of respectability. Not all of the Stars' games would be in the main arena, which rented for \$25,000, but would be played in the 3,900-seat Felt Forum. The Stars also were scheduled for seven doubleheaders with the New York Knicks with the hope that people came out early to watch them

But for this Saturday, November 17th, the expansion Pioneers were taking on a 1979 playoff team that was completely revamped. The 1978-79 core of Althea Gwyn and Janice Thomas were still there, but with former Knicks star Dean Meminger as their coach these were going to be a newer more aggressive Stars.

The Garden crowd of 4,108 (21st highest in WBL history) saw the (1-0) Pioneers take a 20-16 lead over the (1-0) Stars, behind 13 points by Anita Ortega. San Francisco held the lead at 46-44 at the half. But the Stars came out strong in the 3rd quarter and took a commanding 68-58 lead into the 4th quarter. But the Pioneers showed their resiliency and took the lead at 86-84. Then with a few seconds left Gail Marquis missed a tying shot, but she grabbed the rebound and scored to send the game into overtime.

In the overtime, Ortega drove for a score to put the Pioneers up 88-86. Janice Thomas made a free throw, followed by Pearl Moore's jumper. New York was now up 89-88. Another Ortega jumper gave San Fran the lead, 90-89, but a Janice Thomas to Althea Gwyn back door, put the Stars up 91-90.

The two teams exchanged two baskets each to raise the score to 95-94, New York. So, with 15 seconds remaining and the Stars up 95-94, the Pioneers designed a play for either Musiette McKinney, who took Ortega's place when she fouled out, or Jan TERNYIK, who took Hansen's place, when she fouled out. The ball ended up in Pat Mayo's hands and she drove for a go-ahead lay-up. Gail Marquis blocked the lay-up by Pat Mayo and then grabbed the rebound. Marquis then called the Stars last time out.

When play resumed New York's inbounds pass was stolen by Pam Martin who immediately took a 20-footer that rolled around the rim and dropped in. So, with only two seconds left and the Pioneers up 96-95, Coach Meminger called a time-out he didn't have. His reasoning was if the Pioneers made the free throw and his created play worked, they would go to a 2nd overtime. Instead, Debbie Ricketts made the technical to make the score 97-95. The Stars' final play was unsuccessful, and they lost.

The Pioneers overcame having their three top players fouling out in the overtime. Anita Ortega finished with 27 points and nine assists. Cardie Hicks, and Musiette McKinney scored 16 points, while Kim Hansen had 21 rebounds with her 16 points. For the Stars 1978-79 All-Pro Janice Thomas had 21 points, while newcomers Gail Marquis and Pearl Moore each added 18 points.

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Franklin, Connie	21		1				2	2			0						4
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		7				2	5		21	21		6	3			16
Hicks, Cardie	10		8				0	0			0	3	6				16
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	5	1	at least 5 mins			0	0			0						2
Mayo, Pat	13		4				3	4		6	6						11
McKinney, Musiette	33		6				4	6			0						16
Ortega, Anita	11		12				3	7		4	4	9	6	3			27
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				1	1		5	5	3		3			5
Ternyik, Jan	22		0				0	0			7						0
Adjustment		260		94							5				26		
Totals		265	41	94	0	0	15	25	0	43	48	15	18	9	26	0	97
			FG%	43.6%			FT%	60.0%	Team Rebs								

New York Stars																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Craig, Denise	13		5				0	0			0						10
Farrah, Sharon	11		3				0	0			0						6
Gwyn, Althea	31		2				5	6			0						9
Marquis, Gail	6		9				0	3			0						18
Moore, Pearl	12		8				2	2			0						18
Sanborn, Kathy	32	Name Not in Newspaper															
Smith, Karen	24	Name Not in Newspaper															
Tatterson, Gail	33		3				4	4			0						10
Thomas, Janice	10		7				7	10			0						21
Young, Faye	22		0				1	2			0						1
Young, Kaye	20		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		265		100							50				33		
Totals		265	38	100	0	0	19	27	0	0	50	0	0	0	33	0	95
			FG%	38.0%			FT%	70.4%	Team Rebs								

On Tuesday November 20th the (2-0) Pioneers were the guest of another team that was playing their home opener. This time it was a team they were very familiar with, the California Dreams. After playing them three times in the pre-season the Pioneers went to Long Beach Arena to play the (0-2) Dreams.

The Dreams' first road trip was to the Midwest where they played two 1979 playoff teams, the Chicago Hustle and the Iowa Cornets. In their first game they took the Hustle to overtime, but lost 118-113. Then they went to Cedar Rapids and got smoked 124-86 against the Cornets.

The California front office did their best to try and attract a crowd, but the Los Angeles newspapers weren't buying the concept of women's pro basketball. There were few write-ups and even with paid advertising the team was only able to attract 928. Sadly, this would be their largest crowd in their history.

The California franchise began with four of Dayton's players when they purchased their contracts. Yet the game versus the Pioneers had only three ex-Rockettes as All-Star guard Vonnice Tomich had been traded to St. Louis back in November. The others, Patti Bucklew, Michelle McKenzie, and Angela Scott, all played a major role during the season.

The Pioneers took a 21-16 1st quarter lead over the Dreams. They kept the lead at 41-40 at the half and increased it to 74-65 after three quarters. The Dreams fought back as guard Muffet McGraw made the first three-point basket in WBL history. (The three-point line had been added to both the NBA and the WBL in the 1979-1980 season.) With the Pioneers 98-91 victory they increased their record to 3-0, while the Dreams fell to 0-3.



Anita Ortega's 41 points made her a member of the WBL's exclusive 40-Point Club. Only 14 players in the history of the league reached that plateau. Musiette McKinney added 16. California had five in double figures and were led by Nancy Dunkel's 23 and Stacey Rhoades 19.

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Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				1				0						5
Terryik, Jan	22		4				4				0						12
Adjustment		240		88				35	0	8							
Totals		240	38	88	0	0	22	35	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	98
			FG%	43.2%			FT%	62.9%	Team Rebs								

California Dreams																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		0				5				0						5
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		3				4				0						10
Dunkle, Nancy	15		10				3				0						23
McGraw, Muffet	10		0		1	1	2				0						5
McKenzie, Michelle	20		4				0				0						8
Melbourne, Mara	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Rhoades, Stacy	17		7				5				0						19
Scharff, Mary	11		3				4				0						10
Scott, Angela	23	Name not in Newspaper															
Shirley, Pam	12		5				1				0						11
Tialavea, Julie	50	Name not in Newspaper															
Uhl, Joan	22	Name not in Newspaper															
Adjustment		240		65				33									
Totals		240	32	65	1	1	24	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
			FG%	49.2%			FT%	72.7%	Team Rebs								

The Pioneers were back on the road for a Midwest trip to Chicago and Minnesota. Therefore, an expansion team had to play their first five games on the road. On the day after Thanksgiving the (3-0) Pioneers went into Alumni Hall to face the (1-0) Hustle and 2,475 fans.

As they had in the previous three games the Pioneers took a 1st quarter lead, 26-21. But the run-n-gun Hustle put up 34 2nd quarter points to take a 55-50 lead at the half. The Pioneers didn't help themselves as they would commit 38 turnovers during the game. Chicago added to their lead to own a 78-66 lead going into the 4th quarter.



The Pioneers fought back, but eventually lost 107-105. Victory was in the Pioneers' hands, if they would've made their free throws. Unfortunately, despite Anita Ortega's 30 points and 13 rebounds, she shot 12-21 from the line. Cardie Hicks had her best game with 28 points and 9 rebounds.

For Chicago, reigning WBL MVP Rita Easterling had 22 points and eight assists. Sue Digitale had 17 points and nine rebounds.

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Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				2	2			0						10
Ternyik, Jan	22	Name not in Newspaper															
Adjustment		240		73							7				38		
Totals		240	34	73	0	0	37	52	0	38	45	6	0	0	38	0	105
			FG%	46.6%			FT%	71.2%	Team Rebs								

Chicago Hustle		Bold Dark Black #'s are Verifiable				Red #'s are Backed-In from Accumulated Stats												Team Game #			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat			
Caldwell, Breena	30	11	3	9			3	5	0	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	9	1.455			
Digitale, Sue	21	28	5	11			7	11	6	3	9	0	6	2	2	0	17	0.929			
Easterling, Rita	15	31	3	8			16	21	0	3	3	8	4	3	5	0	22	1.258			
Fincher, Janie	10	8	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.125			
Galloway, Liz	31	26	3	9			1	2	2	4	6	1	5	4	4	0	7	0.577			
Hileman, Vicki	22	16	4	7			3	4			9	2	0	4	0	0	11	1.750			
Kennedy, Peggy	11	36	3	8			3	4	4	3	7	2	4	3	4	0	9	0.528			
Mitchell, Adrian	26	27	2	7			6	10	3	5	8	2	1	8	8	0	10	0.815			
Rajcula, Jody	24	19	0	4			3	6	2	2	4	0	3	0	1	0	3	0.316			
Thomas, Lisa	41	5	0	1			1	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.800			
Travnik, Mary Pat	12	8	3	4			0	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	6	1.000			
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	25	6	13			0	0			7	0	3	1	3	0	12	0.680			
Adjustments				-6											-3						
Totals		240	32	78	0	0	43	69	19	25	60	18	32	27	26	0	107	0.850			
			FG%	41.0%			FT%	62.3%	Team Rebs												
Special Notes:									Hileman 9 rebs - per Oak Trib												
									Rossow 7 rbs - pet Oak Trib												
									Kennedv 6 rbs - per Oak Trib												

The second game of the Pioneers midwest road trip took them to Minnesota's Metropolitan Sports Center on Sunday the 25th. The (1-0) Fillies and 1, 065 fans greeted the (3-1) Pioneers. For the 5th game in a row the Pioneers took a 1st quarter lead, 22-19. The difference in the make-up of the teams was quickly obvious. The Pioneers had the speed and quickness, while the Fillies had the size. In this case, speed was winning, especially when they applied their full-court press to the Fillies. The Pioneers increased their lead to 50-39, helped by 15 Fillies' turnovers. The Pioneers left Minnesota with a 94-80 victory and a 4-1 record.

The Pioneers were led by Anita Ortega's 27, including 13 of 14 from the line. Pat Mayo added 21 points and eight steals, despite playing with a virus. Also, the Pioneers floor general, Debbie Ricketts, who also had a virus, was still able to play 45 minutes. For the Fillies Pat Montgomery had 24 points and 9 rebounds. Donna Wilson and Marie Kocurek had 16 points each, while Marie pulled down 11 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Foley, Bonnie	14	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		1				2	3		9	9						4
Hicks, Cardie	10	32	7	16			2	2	3	1	4	3	4	2	2	0	16
Martin, Brenda	45	6	0	2			0	0		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, Pam	12	5	0	0			0	0		0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mayo, Pat	13		9	10			3	5			0			8			21
McKinney, Musiette	33		2				7	8		9	9	4					11
Ortega, Anita	11		7	19			13	14			0						27
Ricketts, Debbie	8	45	4				1	1			0						9
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				4	4			0						6
Adjustment		152		25							12		21		20		
Totals		240	31	72	0	0	32	37	3	19	34	10	27	10	22	0	94
			FG%	43.1%			FT%	86.5%	Team Rebs								

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Ge	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
DeBoer, Kathy	21	Name not in Newspaper																
DeLorme, Scooter	32		1				2	4			0	5					4	
Hawkins, Kathy	13	21	3	4			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	6	
Jamison, Karen	15	4	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Keeley, Marguerite	45	7	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		
Kocurek, Marie	42	38	4	10			8	11	4	7	11	1	5	3	4	0	16	
Montgomery, Pat	53		7				10	11			9	9						24
Owens, Katrina	33		3				0	0			12	12						6
Timperman, Janet	12		2				2	2				0						6
Wahl-Bye, Sue	24		1				0	0				0						2
Wilson, Donna	11		7				2	3				0						16
Adjustment		170		72						9	9		19		19			
Totals		240	28	86	0	0	24	31	5	38	43	6	27	5	26	0	80	
			FG%	32.6%			FT%	77.4%	Team Rebs									

When the expansion Pioneers saw that their first five games were on the road, they probably thought the basketball gods were against them. But being 4-1 and going into their home opener was encouraging.



Not only were there ads being placed by the team, the San Francisco Examiner did a big piece on Anita Ortega. They emphasized her skills and her pedigree back with Ann Meyers and Denise Curry at UCLA. After five games in the pros she was averaging 30 a game.



The "new" home opener, became Thursday November 29th against the (0-2) Milwaukee Does. The Does who finished 1979 with an 11-23 record hired former NBA Coach of the Year, Larry Costello. Costello still lived in the Milwaukee area, after his years with the Milwaukee Bucks. Yet coaches can't win without good players and Milwaukee's 1979 draft was one of the weakest in league history. Larry was doing the best he could, losing a heartbreaker at home against Iowa 89-88, and then putting up only 62 points against Houston. Larry was also having difficulty adjusting to the women, because he had several observations that he was trying to deal with. He thought the 48-minute game was too long, because the players were getting tired easily. He also thought maybe the floor was too long and the girls should play on a high school length floor (94' vs 84').

The pre-game introductions included the impeccably dressed Assemblyman Willie Brown and Mayor Dianne Feinstein who both thanked owner Marshall Geller for bringing basketball back to San Francisco. Also present was the Golden State Warriors coach Al Attles. The San Francisco Civic Auditorium's floor was the same one used by the San Francisco Saints of the American Basketball League in 1961.



A crowd of 1,874 fans were loud and aggressive, per Does coach Larry Costello. But that is what he had always enjoyed about the Bay area.

For the first time this season, the (4-1) Pioneers found themselves trailing the slower, more methodical Does after the 1st quarter, 25-22. They quickly recovered and took a 49-43 lead into half-time. The Pioneers widened the lead to 12, 55-43, before the Does chipped away and got within four 95-91 with 1:01 left. But in the end the Pioneers gained their 5th victory, 97-91. It should be noted that that Pioneers were given twice as many free throws (42 to 21), yet the difference in the number of fouls called was only 26 to 20.

Anita Ortega again led the way with 26 points and six assists. 2nd round choice Kim Hansen added 19 points and 14 rebounds, while 1st round choice Pat Mayo added 12 points, 14 rebounds, and five steals.

The Does, who fell to 0-3, were led by former UCLA star Heidi Nestor's 34 points and 19 rebounds. Heidi was just one rebound shy of the exclusive 20-20 club. Last year's scoring champ, Brenda Chapman, added 23 points and made Ortega's life miserable with her aggressive defense, according to Anita.



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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Foley, Bonnie	14	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		7				5	6		14	14						19
Hicks, Cardie	10		8	24			0	0			0						16
Martin, Brenda	45		2				2	3			0						6
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		6				0	0		14	14			5			12
McKinney, Musiette	33		0				6	9			0						6
Ortega, Anita	11		7				12	17			0	6					26
Ricketts, Debbie	8	46	3				1	2			0						7
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				3	5			0						5
Adjustment		194									31		20		26		
Totals		240	34	24	0	0	29	42	0	28	59	6	20	5	26	0	97
			FG%	#####			FT%	69.0%	Team Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Carney, Mary	13		0				0	0			0						0
Chapman, Brenda	15		9				5	6			0						23
Dennis, Brenda	10		0				0	0			0						0
Ellis, Cindy	25	Name not in Newspaper															
Gamble, Carolyn	8		3				0	0			0						6
Griffith, Denise	6		1				0	0			0						2
Morales, Diane	22		4				0	0			0						8
Nestor, Heidi	28		13				8	8		19	19						34
Prevost, Deb	32		0				0	0			0						0
Smith, Joanie	1		4				2	2			0						10
White, Ethel	30		3				2	5			0						8
Adjustment		240									35		26		35		
Totals		240	37	0	0	0	17	21	0	19	54	0	26	0	35	0	91
			FG%	#####			FT%	81.0%	Team Rebs								

On Sunday December 2nd another expansion team, the (1-2) Dallas Diamonds, came to the Civic Auditorium to test their skills against the winningest WBL team. (Both Houston and San Francisco had five wins each.) When the Diamonds first put their team together they went out and got the legendary coach, Dean Weese, of the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens. His 193-30 record made him an excellent coach to start a team with.

As a promotion, the Pioneers were offering a real diamond to one lucky fan and a crowd of 1,512 came to take their chances. The crowd also got to hear Lainie Kazan sing the national anthem before the game. To the Pioneers this was the game that turned them into a real "team." Their ball movement and pressure dominated the Diamonds right from the beginning as they took a 30-18 1st quarter lead.

The two teams adjusted to the different styles of play and played evenly the rest of the way for a 102-89 Pioneer victory. A 15 of 21 shooting night for Cardie Hicks gave her 30 points. Cardie had three other teammates with double figures, Musiette McKinney (16), Anita Ortega (15), and Kim Hansen (12).

Dallas would be led by the player that would carry them all season, Alfreda Abernathy, who had 38 points and 23 rebounds. This would be the first of six times in the season that Alfreda had a 30+ points and 20 rebound game. Christy Earnhardt added 12, while Cindy "Dr. Woo" Bruton had 11 points.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Foley, Bonnie	14	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	-0.333
Hansen, Barbara	42	3	1	1			0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0.667
Hansen, Kim	32	29	6	9			0	0	2	6	8	1	4	0	1	0	12	0.724
Hicks, Cardie	10	32	15	21			0	1	2	2	4	3	4	6	2	1	30	1.375
Johnson, Anna	25	4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Martin, Brenda	45	18	3	10			0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	6	0.389
Martin, Pam	12	17	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0.059
Mayo, Pat	13	33	3	7			3	4	1	6	7	5	6	3	1	0	9	0.848
McKinney, Musiette	33	25	6	9	1	1	3	6	1	3	4	3	2	1	3	0	16	0.960
Ortega, Anita	11	32	4	14			7	10	1	6	7	5	2	2	4	0	15	0.938
Ricketts, Debbie	8	27	2	3			0	0	0	4	4	4	4	1	1	0	4	0.593
Ternyik, Jan	22	17	3	5			2	3	2	5	7	0	3	0	3	1	8	0.706
Totals		240	43	83	1	1	15	24	13	32	45	21	32	14	19	5	102	0.767
			FG%	51.8%			FT%	62.5%	Team Rebs		0							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	42	13	25			12	21	12	11	23	0	4	1	5	1	38	1.357
Baker, Janice	12	30	1	4			3	4	0	2	2	4	0	2	5	0	5	0.400
Bruton, Cindy	20	26	4	9			3	5	3	5	8	0	5	0	1	0	11	0.692
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	25	3	6			3	5	2	7	9	2	2	2	2	1	9	0.880
Cooper, Sheena	11	10	0	3			0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-0.300
Earnhardt, Christy	42	41	4	11			4	6	0	0	0	3	4	0	6	0	12	0.293
Goodwin, Valerie	22	28	1	7			0	0	1	3	4	3	2	2	5	0	2	0.321
John, Jeriann	44	14	4	5			0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	8	1.000
McLannahan, Sharon	21	15	2	3			0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.333
Rutter, Nancy	14	9	0	1			0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.222
Totals		240	32	74	0	0	25	43	19	31	50	14	20	8	27	2	89	0.617
			FG%	43.2%			FT%	58.1%	Team Rebs		0							

The Pioneers couldn't wait for their next game. The (3-2) Chicago Hustle were coming to town and the Pioneers wanted revenge. Their 6-1 record's only blemish was the 107-105 loss in Chicago.

Despite their successful winning record the Pioneers' crowds were dwindling – 1,874 to 1,512 to 1,024 for this Tuesday December 4th game. To owner Marshall Geller the smaller crowds concerned him, because the number of female fans was way too low. Yet here was what Geller had learned:

Geller is finding out what a lot of other people have noticed before. There are some avid fans, to be sure, but the rest of them tend to avoid spectator sports, whether the sports are played by men or women.

More and more, women are interested in participating. They are in to sports such as tennis and jogging, where they can compete, but they do not often follow teams. The upswing is towards competing, which is certainly not a bad trend when you consider the general health of the populace.

Most of the female fans attending the Pioneer-Hustle matchup were girls. Teen-aged girls can identify with team sports. Geller believes it stems from the rebirth of girls' athletics on the prep level, something which was not available for their mothers.

Yet the smaller crowd had no affect on the attitude of the Pioneers as they came out smoking, again, to take a 25-16 1st quarter lead.

The Pioneers wanted to show this 1978-79 playoff team they belonged as Anita Ortega and Debbie Ricketts put the defensive clamps on the 1978-79 MVP Rita Easterling. Easterling finished 0-8 from the floor and only 2-3 from the line. This was a drastic contrast to the 16-21 from the line that Rita was in Chicago.

Also, the Pioneers "Bionic Woman" Pat Mayo continued to dive, and scramble after loose balls to inspire her teammates. The Pioneers increased their lead to 57-41, and 95-67 after three quarters. As the Pioneers played their reserves the Hustle made it a respectable 20-point loss by outscoring the Pioneer bench 27-19. The 114-94 made San Francisco 7-1, and only the undefeated Houston Angels at 6-0 were close to the Pioneers' win total.



The Pioneers leaders all had very complete games. Pat Mayo had 22 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals. Anita Ortega had 22 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, and three steals. Musiette McKinney came through with 18 points, nine rebounds, and six assists. Kim Hansen's 15 points and 13 rebounds made for a team victory.

For Chicago Adrian Mitchell had 23 points and eight rebounds. Breena Caldwell added 20 points in just 24 minutes.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Foley, Bonnie	14	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	-0.333
Grant, Joslyn	25	6	1	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.333
Hansen, Barbara	42	5	0	3			2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.800
Hansen, Kim	32	29	7	12			1	6	6	7	13	0	3	0	1	2	15	0.931
Hicks, Cardie	10	22	5	12			0	0	2	3	5	2	4	3	2	1	10	0.909
Johnson, Anna	25	Name Not in Newspapers																
Martin, Brenda	45	13	4	7			3	4	1	6	7	1	2	0	1	0	11	1.462
Martin, Pam	12	13	2	4			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	0.308
Mayo, Pat	13	24	10	16			2	3	2	6	8	5	4	3	1	0	22	1.750
McKinney, Musiette	33	34	4	10			10	12	3	6	9	6	4	0	7	0	18	0.941
Ortega, Anita	11	35	9	20			4	4	5	3	8	7	3	3	3	0	22	1.257
Ricketts, Debbie	8	38	2	6			0	0	0	1	1	6	3	3	2	0	4	0.474
Ternyik, Jan	22	18	2	7			0	0	3	5	8	2	3	0	0	1	4	0.889
Totals		240	46	99	0	0	22	31	23	38	61	29	32	13	19	4	114	0.946
			FG%	46.5%			FT%	71.0%	Team Rebs									

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Caldwell, Breena	30	24	9	14			2	5	2	1	3	1	3	0	3	0	20	0.917
Digitale, Sue	21	36	3	10			3	5	2	10	12	0	4	0	6	0	9	0.417
Easterling, Rita	15	27	0	8			2	3	1	1	2	5	3	1	5	0	2	0.370
Galloway, Liz	31	24	1	4			6	7	1	4	5	1	4	0	1	0	8	0.583
Hileman, Vicki	22	14	1	4			1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	3	0.786
Kennedy, Peggy	11	20	6	11			0	2	0	2	2	8	0	1	4	0	12	1.350
Mitchell, Adrian	26	21	8	16			7	8	5	3	8	0	3	2	4	1	23	1.381
Rajcula, Jody	24	19	2	5			3	5	3	2	5	1	1	1	0	0	7	0.789
Swindell, Retha	44	28	0	4			5	9	3	7	10	1	1	0	1	3	5	0.571
Thomas, Lisa	41	3	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Travnik, Mary Pat	12	8	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.125
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25	16	1	15			3	5	4	3	7	0	2	0	1	0	5	0.688
Totals		240	31	93	0	0	32	51	23	34	57	20	23	6	26	4	94	0.713
			FG%	33.3%			FT%	62.7%	Team Rebs		3							

After a successful 3-0 home stand the (7-1) Pioneers had a few days off. But on December 6th the Pioneers received bad news the shin splint that limited Cardie Hicks to just 22 minutes in the last game turned out to be a stress fracture of her lower right leg. She would be out six to eight weeks.

The Pioneers flew back to the East Coast to play on Saturday December 8th against the new and improved (3-3) New Jersey Gems.

The Gems who were 9-25 in the previous season changed coaches from the father and son Kennedy team to an East Coast legend named Howie Landa. Howie was one of the group of new and improved coaches who were filling the WBL. The league was stacked with ex-NBA coaches (Dean Meminger, Larry Costello, Butch vanBreda Kolff, David Wohl, Nat Frazier) or women's college basketball icons (Dean Weese, Howie Landa).

This year the Gems also added UCLA star and four-time All-American, Ann Meyers, to their roster. Yet Ann wasn't just the best women's basketball player, she was also given an opportunity to tryout with the Indiana Pacers of the NBA. For three days she held her own and was later cut. Even though she was drafted by the Houston Angels in July, 1978, her signing rights were given to New York, and then later to the New Jersey Gems. Her impact was felt immediately as the team was now a respectable 3-3 as they waited for the Pioneers.

A poor crowd of 887 came out to the Dunn Sports Complex to watch the winningst team against the league's most skilled player. The Pioneers, with Musiette McKinney taking Cardie Hicks' starting spot, got off to a good start as they led 29-21 after one quarter. But the Gems fought back to only trail 50-47 at the half. In the second half the Pioneers stayed in control as they increased their lead to 72-67, and then finally 102-89 for their eighth victory.

The Pioneers' leading scorer was Anita Ortega, Ann Meyer's former UCLA teammate, who had 29 along with seven assists. Musiette McKinney who came within one assist of a Triple-Double had 21 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists. Pat Mayo, who was returning to the area of her college glory days, scored 18.

For the Gems Ann Meyers had 23 points and 12 rebounds, but also had an uncharacteristic 11 turnovers. Pat Mayo's former teammate, Wanda Szeremeta, came through with 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Gems.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Foley, Bonnie	14																
Hansen, Barbara	42		1				3				0						5
Hansen, Kim	32		8				1			6	6	4					17
Hicks, Cardie	10	Injured - Leg Fractured															
Martin, Brenda	45		0				0				0						0
Martin, Pam	12		0				0				0						0
Mayo, Pat	13		7				4			8	8						18
McKinney, Musiette	33		5				11			12	12	9					21
Ortega, Anita	11		12	27			5			4	4	7					29
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				0				0						8
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				2			7	7						4
Adjustment		240		61				40			4		27		15		
Totals		240	38	88	0	0	26	40	0	37	41	20	27	0	15	0	102
			FG%	43.2%			FT%	65.0%	Team Rebs								

New Jersey Gems																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Browning, Pam	22		1				0				0						2
Burdick, Denise	35		2				3			10	10						7
Collins, Sheila	6		1				5				0						7
Comerie, Debra	34		7				3				0						17
Geils, Donna	4		4				2			7	7						10
Hastings, Martha	24		0				0				0						0
Martin, Gwen ???			0				0				0						0
Meyers, Ann	14		9	27			5			12	12	5			11		23
Rangler, Candy	5		0				0				0						0
Simms, Donna	17		0				3				0						3
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		6				6			11	11						18
Van Ness, Joan	21		1				0				0						2
Adjustment		240		59				37			15		26		23		
Totals		240	31	86	0	0	27	37	0	40	55	5	26	0	34	0	89
			FG%	36.0%			FT%	73.0%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																	
Gwen Martin played 3 games with St. Louis & was Waived Nov 29 - is this her?																	
Sue Martin played for New Jersey in 1978-79																	

Here is where trying to reconcile team expenses comes in. After playing in New Jersey on the 8th, the Pioneers next game was in St. Louis on the 13th. If you were the team's General Manager, what would you do?

- 1) Fly the team back to San Francisco and then to St. Louis later
- 2) Stay in New Jersey (yuck) for four days and then to St. Louis
- 3) Fly to St. Louis and stay there for four days.

However the Pioneers handled this they were about to play one of the most unique teams in the league. The expansion St. Louis Streak began the year 0-4. Then a player they had suspended during training camp was invited back to play. This player, Elizabeth Silcott, was a member of the Canadian National team of 70's, where she was also regularly suspended. Yet since Liz got back on the court to play ball the Streak had won three in a row. Liz had scored 23, 34, and 28 points in those three games.

Over time the people of St. Louis would appreciate and gravitate to Liz, but not yet. The 220 people that came out to Kiel Auditorium to watch the Pioneers-Streak game would be their lowest crowd of the year.

But with Silcott leading the way the Streak took a 23-22 lead. The Pioneers went in to the half ahead 46-41. The Pioneers upped their lead to 74-68. Then with 36 seconds left the Pioneers had a 91-90 lead when Silcott hit a fadeaway jumper and was also fouled. Her three point play gave the Streak a 93-91 lead. Pat Mayo's jumper with 16 seconds left sent the game to overtime, 93-93.

The two teams exchanged baskets until the Pioneers held another one point lead, 105-104, with seven seconds left. Liz Silcott's free throw sent the game into a 2nd overtime. The Pioneers built a 111-108 lead with under a minute when Jeanie Loyd hit a 20-footer from the left corner to bring the score to 111-110. After a Pioneer miss, Ann Platte grabbed the rebound and got it up to Loyd again who hit a 15 footer with 12 seconds left. The Pioneers got what they wanted when Musiette McKinney was fouled by Venita Griffey with five seconds left. Two missed free throws later, the Pioneers fell to the Streak, 112-111. The Pioneers lost their 2nd of the year. Their two losses were by a total of three points.

For the Pioneers Kim Hansen shot 9 for 9 from the field and scored 24 points, while grabbing 18 rebounds. In a 58 minute game Pat Mayo, Anita Ortega, and Debbie Ricketts were all forced to play 56 minutes each. Musiette McKinney, who only played 50 minutes before she fouled out scored 23 points and had seven assists and seven rebounds. Anita Ortega had 22 points and seven rebounds, while Pat Mayo had 20 points, 17 rebounds, before she also fouled out.

The Streak were led by Liz Silcott's 46 points on 18 of 41 from the floor in 55 minutes. Jeanie Loyd was the next high scorer with 16. Tonyus Chavers pulled down 16 rebounds and scored 11 points, before she fouled out.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Foley, Bonnie	14	Name Not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name Not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32	43	9	9			6	10	5	13	18	3	3	1	2	0	24	1.093
Martin, Brenda	45	4	0	1			0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Martin, Pam	12	Not Sure of Which Martin Played																
Mayo, Pat	13	56	6	16			8	11	6	11	17	5	6	3	2	0	20	0.857
McKinney, Musiette	33	50	7	13			9	19	1	6	7	7	6	1	1	0	23	0.880
Ortega, Anita	11	56	11	27			0	2	4	3	7	3	4	4	2	0	22	0.661
Ricketts, Debbie	8	56	3	9			0	0	0	1	1	6	5	4	3	0	6	0.357
Ternyik, Jan	22	25	4	8			7	8	4	6	10	1	3	0	1	1	15	1.040
Adjustment							1										1	
Totals		290	40	83	0	0	31	52	20	40	60	25	27	13	11	1	111	0.769
			FG%	48.2%			FT%	59.6%		Team Rebs	5							
Special Notes:																		
Don't know which Martin played - neither played more than the other																		

St. Louis Streak																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Chavers, Tonyus	6	32	4	8			3	3	5	11	16	0	6	1	0	1	11	0.875
Daniels, Coco	1	52	4	18			0	0	2	6	8	7	4	6	2	0	8	0.654
Griffey, Venita	11	32	5	8			0	1	4	2	6	3	6	0	0	0	10	0.688
Loyd, Jeanie	10	29	6	12			4	8	0	0	0	4	3	2	5	0	16	0.724
Patterson, Sheila	33	4	0	0			1	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.250
Platte, Ann	23	10	0	1			0	0	2	4	6	0	3	2	1	1	0	0.700
Plice, Darla	20	44	5	10			3	5	4	5	9	2	5	2	2	1	13	0.591
Silcott, Liz	22	55	18	41			10	19	4	3	7	4	5	3	6	0	46	1.055
Washington, Debbie	31	26	3	5			1	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	7	0.500
Adjustment		6																
Totals		290	45	103	0	0	22	41	24	33	57	21	37	17	18	4	112	0.724
			FG%	43.7%			FT%	53.7%		Team Rebs	4							

After their close loss in St. Louis the Pioneers ventured north to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In the 2nd year of the league the Iowa Cornets were now only playing their games in either Des Moines or Cedar Rapids. In the first year the Cornets wanted the whole state to take ownership of the team and they played in nine different towns and cities.

The (7-1) Cornets were in the midst of a strange week. A week earlier on Saturday, the 8th, a battle of the unbeatens took place in Cedar Rapids. The (4-0) Cornets crushed the (6-0) Houston Angels, 113-96 in front of 3,024 fans. On Wednesday the 12th the Cornets winning streak became six in a row with a 92-85 victory over the (2-4) Philadelphia Fox. The next day the (6-0) Cornets played the lowly (1-8) Dallas Diamonds in Dallas. 607 came out to the Dallas Convention Center to watch the Cornets lose, 107-99. From the great revenge game with Houston to the embarrassment of the month in five days.

Which Iowa team were the Pioneers going to face? This was the question on the minds of the 2,103 Iowa fans present. When the Pioneers fell behind 28-25, there weren't too many concerns. But when the score became 49-38 at the half, the Pioneers needed to regroup. The Cornets never allowed them to get organized as they outscored San Francisco 58-43, for a 107-81 victory. The Pioneers were now on a two-game losing streak, as their record fell to 8-3.

The injury to Cardie Hicks was going to play a role in the amount of time Pioneer players played. Anita Ortega played 46 minutes and garnered 20 points, nine assists, seven rebounds, but also 13 turnovers. Guard Debbie Ricketts played 45 minutes and scored eight points. Both Musiette McKinney and Pat Mayo scored 17 points each.

For the Cornets the team's offense was geared toward "Machine Gun" Molly Bolin, who came through with 37 points. Pat Hodgson scored 22 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, before she fouled out.

In a WBL rarity Denise Sharps was ejected when she picked up two technicals in the 3rd quarter. When the WBL was created they copied many things of the NBA, like the shot clock, 12-minute quarters, and the \$75 technical foul. Yet the technical really wasn't thought through very well. In 1980 the average NBA player made \$173,000, therefore a \$75 technical was .00043 of their salary. The WBL's average salary was \$7,500, therefore a \$75 technical was 1% of their salary. The WBL players should have been fined \$3.25, or the NBA should have been fined \$1,730.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Foley, Bonnie	14	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Hansen, Barbara	42	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.667
Hansen, Kim	32	28	4	7			1	3	2	6	8	0	5	1	2	0	9	0.571
Martin, Brenda	45	8	0	4			0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	4	1	0	-0.250
Martin, Pam	12	9	0	1			2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	1	2	0.111
Mayo, Pat	13	36	7	18			3	3	4	3	7	0	5	2	6	0	17	0.556
McKinney, Musiette	33	36	7	11	0	1	3	4	6	3	9	1	5	1	4	0	17	0.694
Ortega, Anita	11	46	7	22			6	7	3	4	7	9	4	2	13	0	20	0.739
Ricketts, Debbie	8	45	4	12	0	1	0	2	2	2	4	2	5	3	4	0	8	0.333
Stith, Lynne		4	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.250
Ternyik, Jan	22	22	2	4			4	6	2	3	5	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.636
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	31	80	0	2	19	27	19	24	43	14	28	13	39	3	81	0.525
			FG%	38.8%			FT%	70.4%	Team Rebs		6							

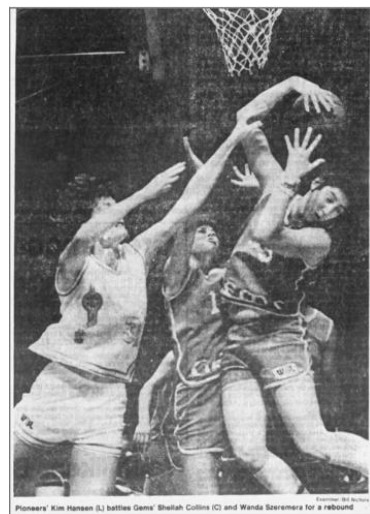
Iowa Cornets																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	30	40	16	31			5	7	1	2	3	1	1	6	5	0	37	1.075
Crevier, Tanya	24	1	0	0			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Draving, Doris	50	30	4	10			2	4	6	9	15	0	5	1	3	0	10	0.767
Green, Anita	12	10	1	1			0	0	1	0	1	3	2	2	3	0	2	0.800
Hodgson, Pat	34	45	8	12			6	9	5	7	12	0	6	2	5	0	22	0.689
Kunzmann, Connie	44	30	5	9			0	0	5	5	10	1	5	7	2	2	10	0.900
Lewis, Charlotte	52	Injured - Knee																
Penquite, Rhonda	32	6	1	3			2	2	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	4	1.500
Sharps, Denise	20	22	3	9			0	0	1	3	4	0	2	2	2	0	6	0.455
Thomas, Debra K.	40	13	1	10			4	7	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	6	0.923
Tucker, Robin	10	37	2	5			2	2	0	1	1	7	0	1	6	0	6	0.432
Wellen, Nancy	14	6	2	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.667
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	43	93	0	0	21	31	22	30	52	16	23	21	29	2	107	0.763
			FG%	46.2%			FT%	67.7%	Team Rebs		8							

The Pioneers brought their 8-3 record back to San Francisco with them as they prepared for a six-game homestand.

Their first game on Tuesday December 18th was against the (5-5) New Jersey Gems. The Gems confidence was high, because two days earlier they had beaten the same Iowa Cornets, in Iowa, that had just beaten the Pioneers.

The home crowd of 1,283 at the Civic Auditorium helped San Francisco jump out to an early lead of 31-20, but the Gems got back into the game when they closed the gap to 51-50 at the half. The Pioneers took control with another strong 3rd quarter, 21-11 for a 72-61 lead. They then finished off the Gems, 31-19, for a 103-80 victory.

The (9-3) Pioneers were led by Musiette McKinney's 28 points, while Anita Ortega had 23 points and seven assists. Debbie Ricketts also came through with 18 points. For the visiting Gems their record dropped to 5-6 and they had four players with double figures. Wanda Szeremeta scored 17, Debra Comerie had 16 points and 15 rebounds, Ann Meyers came through with 13, and Denise Burdick scored 10.



San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Foley, Bonnie	14		1				1	1			0							3
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		4				1	2			0							9
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		4				3	6		5	5		6					11
McKinney, Musiette	33	44	9				10	13		8	8			5				28
Ortega, Anita	11		9				5	9			0	7						23
Ricketts, Debbie	8		9				0	0			0							18
Stith, Lynne	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Ternyik, Jan	22	21	4				3	4			0							11
Adjustment		175		77						16			20		27			
Totals		240	40	77	0	0	23	35	0	29	13	7	26	5	27	0		103
			FG%	51.9%			FT%	65.7%	Team Rebs									

New Jersey Gems																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Browning, Pam	22		4				0	0			0							8
Burdick, Denise	35		5				0	0			0							10
Comerie, Debra	34		5				6	7		15	15							16
Geils, Donna	4		2				3	3			0							7
Hastings, Martha	24	Name not in Newspaper																
Meyers, Ann	14		6				1	3			0							13
Rangler, Candy	5	Name not in Newspaper																
Simms, Donna	17		2				3	3			0							7
Szeremeta, Wnda	23		6				5	7			0							17
Van Ness, Joan	21		1				0	0			0							2
Adjustment		240		82						35			28		33			
Totals		240	31	82	0	0	18	23	0	50	15	0	28	0	33	0		80
			FG%	37.8%			FT%	78.3%	Team Rebs									

Two days later on Thursday December 20th the battle for Western Conference leadership was about to take place. The (9-3) Pioneers would play host to the (7-1) Houston Angels. By percentage points (.875 vs .750) the Angels led the Pioneers.

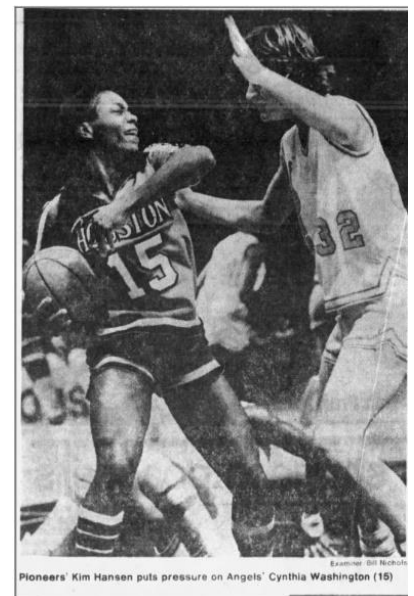
The Angels should have come in to San Francisco excited and rejuvenated, because of the great news coming out of Houston. A few weeks earlier it was announced that the Angels, a \$50,000 first year investment, had been sold for \$1 million to a gentleman from Ohio. The sale made national news and should have given the team hope.

But it didn't take long for the sale to be recognized as a farce. When checks began bouncing and no money made it into the bank or in to the players hands, the team defaulted back to the previous owner, Hugh Sweeney. The Angels were tired of being lied to and their #1 draft pick, guard Nancy Kuhl from Penn State, refused to join the team for the San Francisco trip.

So instead of a strong united team playing the Pioneers, a depressed team dealing with the usual struggles arrived.

The 1,138 fans, nor the Pioneer players in the Civic Auditorium knew what extra curricular activities were going on. Houston took a brief 16-15 1st quarter lead, but the Pioneers led at the half 37-34.

The Pioneer's lead went from 58-50, to 74-60 and then with five minutes left in the game when the Angels pressed, the Pioneers panicked. Every inbound led to a triple team and often times a turnover. Yet a loose ball ended up with Angels' guard, Karen Auhlenbacher, lying on the floor and Pat Mayo falling on her head and breaking her nose. After the blood was cleaned up from the floor, the Angels could no longer press. The San Francisco Examiner called it a "war zone" as there were four injury time-outs, a sprained ankle, and one broken nose.



Pioneers' Kim Hansen puts pressure on Angels' Cynthia Washington (15)

Yet after Kim Hansen and Jan Ternyik fouled out, the Angels were forcing bench players, Brenda Martin and Barb Hansen to respond to the pressure. The Pioneers held on for a 79-75 victory and a record of 10-3.



Houston's Vicky Chapman uses some unorthodox defense style trying to stop San Francisco's Musiette McKinney from scoring in a Women's Professional Basketball League game Thursday night.

The Pioneers were led by Anita Ortega's 26 points and seven assists. Pat Mayo had 20 points and 11 rebounds, before she hobbled off the floor in the 4th quarter with a foot injury. Her prospects for the next game were not good. Musiette McKinney came through with 18 points and nine rebounds, yet it was the 20 rebounds by Kim Hansen that made a big impact.

The Angels stayed in the game by going after the offensive rebounds, because they shot an abysmal 29.4%. Their 29 offensive rebounds were their best offense. They also outshot the Pioneers from the free throw line 25-40 (63%) versus 13-21 (62%). Belinda Candler led the Angels scoring with 16 points and 11 rebounds, but it was Pat Johnson, coming off the bench, who contributed 15 points and 15 rebounds. Paula Mayo's 14 rebounds helped the cause.

Around this time the WBL had a dispersal draft of the players from the Philadelphia and Washington franchises. Why? On the 1st of December the league took over both franchises, because of a lack of ownership. By the 20th the WBL Board decided it was wiser to play the season with 12 healthy teams. So, a conference call was set-up with the teams to begin selecting players from the Fox and Metros.

There would be two rounds of selections, and the order would be based on a team's record on December 21st. The Pioneers had the 3rd best record in the league, so they selected 9th. The Pioneers selected 5'7" guard Lisa Brewer from the Washington Metros. She was averaging 21 minutes and 7.3 points on 54% shooting. They, like most teams, did not use their 2nd round option.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Games				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts					
Hansen, Barbara	42		0				0	0			0											
Hansen, Kim	32		3				1	4			20							20	6	2	2	7
Martin, Brenda	45		1				1	3			0							0	0	3	20	
Martin, Pam	12		0				0	0			0							1	20			
Mayo, Pat	13		10				0	0			11							11	3	1	20	
McKinney, Musiette	33		7				4	5			9							9	5	1	18	
Ortega, Anita	11		11				4	5			0							7	2	26		
Ricketts, Debbie	8		0				2	2			0							6	2	8	2	
Stith, Lynne	Name Not in Newspapers																					
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				1	2			0		6				3					
Adjustment		240		78						9	9		16		16							
Totals		240	33	78	0	0	13	21	0	49	49	13	28	14	24	4	79					
			FG%	42.3%			FT%	61.9%	Team Rebs		2											

Houston Angels																	Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		1				0	0			0	4		1	5		2
Candler, Belinda	24		3				10	12		11	11			3			16
Chapman, Vicky	22		2				1	4			0						5
Durham, Gwen	3		0				2	5			0			1			2
Johnson, Pat	45		4				7	8		15	15			3			15
Jones, Belinda	23		6				1	5			0			5	5		13
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		2				0	0			0			1			4
Kuhl, Nancy	13	Chose Not To Accompany Team															
Mayo, Paula	10		2				4	6		14	14			1			8
Washington, Cynthia	15		5				0	0			0			1			10
Adjustment		240		85					29	-5	24		19		14		
Totals		240	25	85	0	0	25	40	29	35	64	4	19	16	24	0	75
			FG%	29.4%			FT%	62.5%	Team Rebs		2						

In an interesting sidenote about the dispersal draft the Houston Angels, who had played in San Francisco the night before, were travelling home during the conference call. Therefore, the coaches weren't available to make a selection, so Houston made no selections from the dispersal draft.

The Pioneers were 5-0 at home and 5-3 on the road as they got set for another huge game against the (9-2) New York Stars. The Stars came to play the Pioneers on Saturday December 22 at the Civic Auditorium. Slowly the crowds were starting to appreciate the Pioneers as 1,504 came to cheer on their team.

The Stars were bringing their six-game winning streak to challenge the Pioneers five-game home winning streak. Both teams started out drilling their shots as the Pioneers took a 36-30 1st quarter lead, which became a 16-point lead during the 2nd quarter. But the Stars switched from a full court press to a sagging man and got with three by half time, 58-55.

The Stars applied their defensive pressure to stop Anita Ortega who had 15 points by the half, but only two in the 3rd quarter. A New York 18-9 run gave them an 87-79 lead going into the 4th quarter. The Pioneers clawed back, but fell short 108-102. One streak remained and one was stopped.

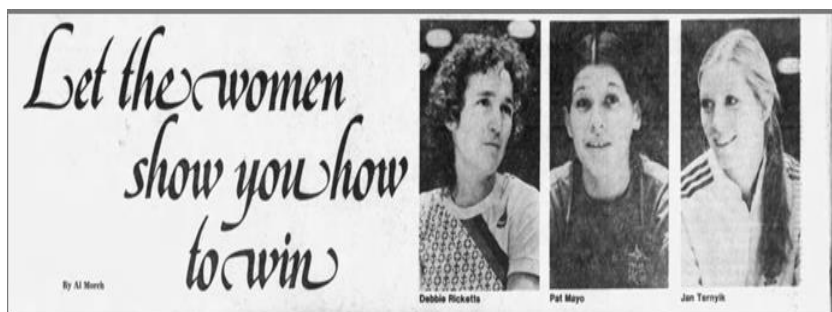
San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		5				3	4			0						13
Martin, Brenda	45	Not in Playing Shape - per 12/28 article															
Martin, Pam	12		3				0	0			0						6
Mayo, Pat	13		7				6	8			0						20
McKinney, Musiette	33		7				5	8			0						19
Ortega, Anita	11	48	10				7	8			0						27
Ricketts, Debbie	8	48	4				1	2			0						9
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				4	7			0						8
Adjustment		144											18				
Totals		240	38	0	0	0	26	37	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	102
			FG%	#####			FT%	70.3%	Team Rebs								

New York Stars																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Craig, Denise	13		10				2	2			0						22
Farrah, Sharon	11		4				0	0			0						8
Gwyn, Althea	31		8				3	7			0						19
Marquis, Gail	6		10				3	3			0						23
Moore, Pearl	12		11				2	2			0						24
Sanborn, Kathy	32		0				0	0			0						0
Smith, Karen	24	20	0				0	0			0						0
Tatterson, Gail	33		0				2	2			0						2
Thomas, Janice	10		3				2	2			0						8
Young, Faye	22	Name not in Newspaper															
Young, Kaye	20		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		220											21				
Totals		240	47	0	0	0	14	18	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	108
			FG%	#####			FT%	77.8%	Team Rebs								

Coach Frank LaPorte noted his team's lack of depth in the guard spot as both Anita Ortega and Debbie Ricketts played all 48 minutes. Ortega put up a significant number as she had 27 points. Pat Mayo added 20 points, while Musiette McKinney scored 19. For the Stars Pearl Moore had 24, Gail Marquis had 23, and former Dayton Rockette, Denise Craig had 22.

One of the dynamics that the newer players in the WBL were learning was that the pros were a business and not like college. Not being able to go home for Christmas was a huge adjustment. The Pioneers had games on the 22nd and 27th, but without the disposable income to fly home, Christmas was spent with their "new" family members – their teammates.

So, as a Christmas present to the Pioneers, the San Francisco Examiner did a big spread on the team. To anyone involved with the WBL this was exciting exposure and publicity. To all those with knowledge this was also a time when people normally don't read the newspaper. But the San Francisco Examiner could say they "felt good about themselves" because they wrote about the women's league.



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Judith Calson Rausch

A Pioneers practice session (at left) usually lasts 3 hours daily, with emphasis on team-play rather than individual performance. Below, players Barbara Hansen, Kim Hansen and Jan Terryk spend a rare afternoon off whipping up a batch of beer bread in their Hayward apartment.

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Coach Frank LaPorte (above) calmly views the results of his teaching: while Pioneers' forward Cardie "Magic" Hicks (at right), sidelined with stress fractures in both legs, can on watch and wish she was "on court."



The article dated December 25th, 1979 went through each player individually and what their sports background was growing up and how they were handling the single life in San Francisco. (Too much info to condense) The fact that only two players were married, and most them didn't drink or smoke painted a wholesome picture of a WBL player. One interesting contract note was: Pregnancy in the player's contract was considered an "illness," and the player takes a leave of absence until the "illness" goes away.

On Thursday December 27th, the (10-4) Pioneers would host the (2-9) California Dreams at the Civic Auditorium. The Dreams were about to play their second game under their new coach, Artie Blouin. The team fired Mel Sims around December 16th, after a 2-8 start. Unfortunately for Coach Blouin his first two games were against two of the best teams in the league, the Stars and now the Pioneers.

1,118 saw the two teams fight to a 26-26 draw in the 1st quarter, with Ortega scoring nine. The Pioneers took a slim 49-47 lead with Ortega adding 15 more points. Coach Frank LaPorte's half-time talk was better than Coach Blouin's as the Pioneers took a 77-65 lead into the 4th quarter. San Francisco watched the Dreams put together a 16-4 stretch, but they still prevailed 99-93 and raised their record to 11-4. The Dreams losing streak was now three games as their record fell to 2-10.

The Pioneers' Anita Ortega again played all 48 minutes as she scored 38 points and had five assists. Pat Mayo had 21 points, six rebounds, and five assists. Kim Hansen added 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Pioneers were without Musiette McKinney who was suffering from a shoulder injury. The Dreams had five players in double figures, led by Mary Scharff's 19 points and nine assists. Stacey Rhoades added 16 points and 15 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ga
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		5				3	6		11	11	6		1				13
Martin, Brenda	45		3				3	8			0							9
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																0
Mayo, Pat	13		6				9	13		6	6	5		3				21
McKinney, Musiette	33	Injury - Shoulder																
Ortega, Anita	11	48	11	27			16	22			0	5		2				38
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				2	3			0	3		3				10
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				4	6		6	6							8
Adjustment		192		41						13	13		27		18			
Totals		240	31	68	0	0	37	58	0	36	36	19	27	9	18	0		99
			FG%	45.6%			FT%	63.8%	Team Rebs									

California Dreams																		Team Ge				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts					
Bucklew, Patti	40	Name not in Newspaper	4				0	0			0							8				
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		1				4	6			0							4	6			
Dunkle, Nancy	15		6					2			2							10	10	14		
McGraw, Muffet	10		0					2			2								0	2		
McKenzie, Michelle	20		1					0			0								0	2		
Melbourne, Mara	24																					
Rhoades, Stacy	17		6					4			6							15	15	4	1	16
Scharff, Mary	11		8					3			3								0	9		19
Scott, Angela	23		4					4			5								0			12
Shirley, Pam	12	2			0	0		0		1	4											
Uhl, Joan	22	3			4	5		7	7		2						10					
Adjustment		240		74						17	17		36		30							
Totals		240	35	74	0	0	23	29	0	49	49	17	36	6	30	0		93				
			FG%	47.3%			FT%	79.3%	Team Rebs													

To end 1979, the (11-4) Pioneers hosted the (7-5) St. Louis Streak on December 30th. Remember these were the 0-4 Streak without Liz Silcott and the 7-1 Streak with her. The Sunday crowd of 1,390 at the Civic Auditorium, included anyone wearing a party-hat got in for half-price. The fans saw the Streak take a 21-12 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers shaved off four points by halftime to trail 42-37. The Pioneers struggled to catch up to the Streak and finally with five minutes remaining they did. With 3:36 remaining and the score 88-86 the Streak's coach Larry Gillman picked up a technical. The made free throw and the ball would give the Pioneers the lead, but a loose ball, a Streak fast break and subsequent foul put the Streak up 91-87. In the end the Pioneers lost another home game 102-91, and the Streak upped their winning streak to four.

The Pioneers Anita Ortega had 25 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists, but she shot a poor 9 of 33 from the field. Musiette McKinney, returning from her injury, had 20, while Kim Hansen scored 16 points and had 14 rebounds. But the best glass cleaner was Pat Mayo who had 21 boards, while scoring 12 points.

As expected Liz Silcott had 30 points, but she only shot slightly better than Ortega. Silcott was 9 of 27 from the field. Sheila Patterson, the star from Dayton who unfortunately was injured in her first game in the first season came through with 25 rebounds and 19 points. The (8-5) Streak were finding their rhythm.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		5				6	9		14	14					1	16	
Martin, Brenda	45		1				0	0								1	2	
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		4				4	10		21	21	5		3			12	
McKinney, Musiette	33		7				6	6			0	4					20	
Ortega, Anita	11		9	33			7	8		11	11	7		3		1	25	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		8				0	0			0		1 << At Least			1	16	
Ternyik, Jan	22	Name not in Newspaper																
Adjustment		240		62						9	9		22		22			
Totals		240	34	95	0	0	23	33	0	55	55	16	23	6	22	4	91	
			FG%	35.8%			FT%	69.7%	Team Rebs									

St. Louis Streak																		Team Games			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts				
Chavers, Tonyus	6		4				2	2			0							10			
Daniels, Coco	1		3				5	7			6							6	11		
Griffey, Venita	11		2				1	1			0							5			
Loyd, Jeanie	10		3				1	2			6							6	4	7	
Mitchell, Adrian	34		2				2	3			6							6		1	6
Patterson, Sheila	33		9				1	2			25							25		4	19
Platte, Ann	23		2				0	0			0							0		2	4
Plice, Darla	20		5				0	0			0							0			10
Silcott, Liz	22		9				27	12			19							0	4		4
Washington, Debbie	31	Name not in Newspaper									0							0			
Adjustment		240		57						19	19		30		23						
Totals		240	39	84	0	0	24	36	0	62	62	8	30	4	23	7	102				
			FG%	46.4%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs												

As 1979 came to a close the league standings looked as follows:

EAST				MIDWEST				WEST			
New York	10	2	.833 ---	Minnesota	11	2	.846 ---	Houston	7	2	.777 .5
St. Louis	8	5	.615 2.5	Iowa	9	3	.750 1.5	San Fran.	11	5	.688 ---
New Orleans	6	7	.462 4.5	Chicago	8	7	.533 4.0	Dallas	3	11	.214 7.0
New Jersey	6	7	.462 4.5	Milwaukee	3	13	.188 9.5	California	2	10	.167 7.0

With the demise of the Philadelphia & Washington franchises there were schedule adjustments. Compare Houston’s 9 games with everyone else’s 12+ games

San Francisco continued their home stand, but for those with season tickets the January 6th game wouldn’t be the Washington Metros, but the Chicago Hustle. The Hustle came in with an 8-8 record after losing to their arch rivals the Iowa Cornets 115-114 on January 4th. They were also missing Rita Easterling who was out with a torn thigh muscle.

The foot-stomping enthusiastic Sunday crowd of 1,643 saw the Hustle take an early 29-28 lead, because of the overall sluggishness of the Pioneers. As a team, when one was sluggish, they all were sluggish. The Hustle expanded their lead to 57-53 at the half. For the Pioneers, in the first half, Pat Mayo had three fouls and Kim Hansen had four. The Pioneers stayed close but never actually posed a threat as they eventually ended up losing 102-96.

Musiette McKinney led the team with 37, while Anita Ortega scored 21 points. Kim Hansen's 13 rebounds led the team. For Chicago Breena Caldwell had 23 points, while Sue Digitale chipped in with 21. Retha Swindell's 13 points and 12 rebounds gave the Hustle a 61-47 rebound advantage.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Brewer, Lisa	9		3				0	0			0						6
Hansen, Barbara	42										0						0
Hansen, Kim	32		2				0	2		13	13		4 << at least				4
Martin, Brenda	45										0						0
Martin, Pam	12		0				1	2			0						1
Mayo, Pat	13		3				6	6			0		3 << at least				12
McKinney, Musiette	33		14				9	12			0						37
Ortega, Anita	11		8				5	8			0						21
Ricketts, Debbie	8		5				1	2			0						11
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				2	2			0						4
Adjustment		240		85						34	34		20		23		
Totals		240	36	85	0	0	24	34	0	47	47	0	27	0	23	0	96
			FG%	42.4%			FT%	70.6%	Team Rebs								

Chicago Hustle																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Caldwell, Breena	30		9				5	6			0						23
Digitale, Sue	21		9				3	4			0						21
Easterling, Rita	15	DNP - Injured Torn Thigh Muscle															
Fincher, Janie	10		3				6	9			0						12
Galloway, Liz	31		0				3	4			0						3
Hileman, Vicki	22		1				1	2			0						3
Rajcula, Jody	24		2				5	6			0						9
Swindell, Retha	44		6				1	3		12	12						13
Tomich, Vonnice	26	1	0				0	0			0						0
Waddy-Rossow, Debra	25		8				2	3			0						18
Adjustment		239		82						49	49		27		28		
Totals		240	38	82	0	0	26	37	0	61	61	0	27	0	28	0	102
			FG%	46.3%			FT%	70.3%	Team Rebs								

The Pioneers needed to break their two game losing streak and their favorite punching bag was coming into town, the California Dreams. The Pioneers were 2-0 in the regular season and 2-1 in the pre-season versus the Dreams.

Wednesday January 9th saw 1,011 come to the Civic Auditorium to watch the (11-6) Pioneers take a 26-23 1st quarter lead. An even tighter defense limited the Dreams to 11 2nd quarter points, while the Pioneers were able to add 16.

An eight point, 42-34 lead should have been easy to overcome for a winning team, but the (3-10) Dreams only found themselves falling further behind, 67-50 after three quarters. The 88-72 final score should not have surprised anyone as the Pioneers became 12-6, and the Dreams fell to 3-11.

For the second game in a row Musiette McKinney led the scoring with 28 and Anita Ortega came through with 20 points. The Dreams were led by Jane Ellen Cook's 21 points and Nancy Dunkle's 13 points and 10 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Brewer, Lisa	9		2				2	2			0						6
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name Not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		0				1	2		11	11						1
Martin, Brenda	45																
Martin, Pam	12		0				3	4			0						3
Mayo, Pat	13		9				1	1			0	1		1	<<At Least		19
McKinney, Musiette	33		9		1	1	9	13			0						28
Ortega, Anita	11		9				2	3			0						20
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				0	0			0						4
Ternyik, Jan	22		3				1	3			0						7
Adjustment		240		79						35			26	14	26	1	
Totals		240	34	79	1	1	19	28	0	46	11	1	26	15	26	1	88
			FG%	43.0%			FT%	67.9%	Team Rebs		17						

California Dreams																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		2				4	5			0						8
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	34	10				1	2			0		At Least >>		3		21
Dunkle, Nancy	15		5				3	3		10	10						13
Matthews, Linda			2				3	4			0						7
McKenzie, Michelle	20	Name not is Newspaper															
Melbourne, Mara	24	Name not is Newspaper															
Rhoades, Stacy	17		4				1	1			0						9
Scharff, Mary	11		2		0		0	0			0						4
Scott, Angela	23		1				2	5			0						4
Shirley, Pam	12	Name not is Newspaper															
Uhl, Joan	22		3				0	0			0						6
Adjustment		206		75						39			25	11	30	7	
Totals		240	29	75	0	0	14	20	0	49	10	0	25	11	33	7	72
			FG%	38.7%			FT%	70.0%	Team Rebs								

The first place (12-6) Pioneers took their act back to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for a Friday January 11th game. The team was met by the (11-4) Iowa Cornets and 3,761 cheering fans.

The Pioneers concentrated on shutting down Molly Bolin, who was in a battle with Liz Silcott for WBL scoring honors. Molly was held to just 3-13 in the first half, as the Pioneers had 19-16 and 41-39 1st half leads.

The game stayed tight as Iowa took a 64-63 lead into the 4th quarter as Molly began to find her range. She was 9 of at least 10 in the 2nd half (12 of 23? for the game). As these two division leaders fought down the stretch the Pioneers took the lead 87-86 with 1:12 remaining. But a Rhonda Penquite jumper with :49 on the clock and two Draving free throws after a Pat Mayo miss gave the Cornets a 90-87 victory. Iowa's record improved to 12-4. The Pioneers fell to 12-7, but they were still a half game up on the Houston Angels who lost to Dallas the night before.

The Pioneers were led by Anita Ortega's 27 points and 11 rebounds, but her poor shooting continued as she hit only 9 of 29 shots. Debbie Ricketts had 14 points, before she fouled out.

For the Cornets Molly Bolin's 29 was close to her scoring average. Doris Draving's 20 points and 13 rebounds were just a tad more than Pat Hodgson's 19 points. A total of five players fouled out of this game.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry			5				0	0			0		6				10
Brewer, Lisa	9		3				0	0			0						6
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		5				0	0			0						10
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		5				1	2			0		6				11
McKinney, Musiette	33		1				5	9			0						7
Ortega, Anita	11		9	29			9	10		11	11						27
Ricketts, Debbie	8		6				2	2			0		6				14
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240		59						39	39		18				
Totals		240	35	88	0	0	17	23	0	50	50	0	36	0	0	0	87
			FG%	39.8%			FT%	73.9%	Team Rebs								

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bolin, Molly	30		12	23 <<At Least			5	8			0			At Least >>	1		29
Davidson, Winsome	20		1				2	4			0						4
Draving, Doris	50		7				6	9		13	13						20
Eckroth, Mo	22		0				0	0			0						0
Green, Anita	12		2				1	1			0						5
Hodgson, Pat	34		5				9	13		7	7		6				19
Kunzmann, Connie	44		3				1	4		11	11		6				7
Penquite, Rhonda	32		2				0	0			0			1 <<At Least			4
Thomas, Debra K.	40	Name not in Newspaper															
Tucker, Robin	10		0				2	3			0	5					2
Adjustment		240		54						15	15		8				
Totals		240	32	77	0	0	26	42	0	46	46	5	20	1	1	0	90
			FG%	41.6%			FT%	61.9%	Team Rebs								

This brief two-game road trip brought the Pioneers to New Orleans and Tulane University. The Pride were doing their best to attract the people of Louisiana as they placed big ads on the 13th and 14th. Yet by game time on Monday (a bad sports day) only 1,029 people attended.

The (12-7) Pioneers fell behind quickly to the (8-9) Pride 25-15 after one quarter. After an even 2nd quarter, the Pride put up a 31-14 3rd quarter on the Pioneers to put the game out of reach when the score became 81-65. The Pride's 103-83 victory evened their record at 9-9. For the Pioneers who were once 10-3, they were now 12-8, as they returned home for a two-game home stand.

The scoring duo of Anita Ortega and Musiette McKinney had 22 and 16 respectively. Kim Hansen's 15 was the next high scorer.

The New Orleans Pride were led by Augusta Forest who had 21 points on 8-10 from the field, along with 10 rebounds. Five other players had double figures – Bertha Hardy, Sandra Smallwood, Paula Dean, Wanda Ard, and Sybil Blalock who scored 15,14,13,12, & 11 points respectively.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		0				6	6			0		6				6
Brewer, Lisa	9		0				0	0			0						0
Hansen, Barb	42		0				2	4			0						2
Hansen, Kim	32		7				1	3			0						15
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12		0				0	0			0						0
Mayo, Pat	13		3				4	4			0						10
McKinney, Musiette	33		5				6	8			0						16
Ortega, Anita	11		9				4	6			0						22
Ricketts, Debbie	8		1				0	0			0						2
Ternyik, Jan	22		3				4	7			0						10
Adjustment		240		83						42	42		23		22		
Totals		240	28	83	0	0	27	38	0	42	42	0	29	0	22	0	83
			FG%	33.7%			FT%	71.1%	Team Rebs								

New Orleans Pride																	Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		1				3	6			0						5
Ard, Wanda	15		4				4	6			0						12
Blalock, Sybil	10		5				1	2			0						11
Bloom, Coretta	12		3				0	0			0						6
Brumfield, Queen	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Dean, Paula	30		5				3	4			0						13
Duckworth, Tesa	24		0				0	2			0						0
Forest, Augusta	31		8	10			5	5		10	10						21
Hardy, Bertha	33		6				3	3			0		6				15
Smallwood, Sandra	34		3				8	11			0						14
Swilley, Kathy	5		1				0	0			0						2
Williams, Cindy	11		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240		64						43	43		25				
Totals		240	38	74	0	0	27	39	0	53	53	0	31	0	0	0	103
			FG%	51.4%			FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs								

The Pioneers got just what they needed to end their latest two-game losing streak – a bad team to come to San Francisco. The (6-12) Dallas Diamonds were actually riding a two-game winning streak. One of those victories was against the same New Orleans team that the Pioneers just got hammered by. Yet these Diamonds were also bringing with them a heavy burden.

They were the third team in the WBL to be taken over by the league office. Owner Judson Phillips, the 28-year old owner of four McDonald's franchises, watched his \$300,000 three-year plan disappear in just a few months. The league took over the team, but chose not to dissolve it. In reality, very few people in the league knew this was happening as the league office handled things much more discreetly and quietly.

This Monday, January 21st game attracted 1,159 people to the Civic Auditorium. The Pioneers took a 20-14 lead, which was reduced to 40-36 at the half. Things began to really tighten up as the Pioneers held only a 61-59 lead going into the 4th quarter. But a 24-14 fourth quarter broke the Pioneers losing streak with an 85-73 victory.

The (13-8) Pioneers were led by Musiette McKinney's 27 points, and Anita Ortega's 24 points. Pat Mayo's 15 was the only other player with double figures.

The Pioneers held Alfreda Abernathy to a reasonable 17 points and 17 rebounds, as opposed to the 38-23 she put up last time. Cathy Shoemaker, a former Washington Metro who was the 3rd player drafted in the dispersal draft, also scored 17 points with 10 rebounds and six assists.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Booker, Gerry	35	19	1	5			1	2	2	6	8	1	4	0	3	0	3	0.526
Brewer, Lisa	9	10	1	3			0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	2	0.300
Hansen, Barb	42	Name Not in Newspapers																
Hansen, Kim	32	30	3	8			0	2	3	10	13	1	5	3	3	6	6	0.700
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name Not in Newspapers																
Mayo, Pat	13	39	4	11			7	9	3	4	7	6	0	3	2	2	15	0.897
McKinney, Musiette	33	39	11	27			5	8	3	5	8	2	3	2	3	0	27	0.974
Ortega, Anita	11	40	8	17			8	11	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	24	0.800
Ricketts, Debbie	8	42	3	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	6	1	3	1	0	6	0.524
Ternyik, Jan	22	21	1	5			0	0	0	4	4	1	3	1	1	0	2	0.381
Totals		240	32	81	0	1	21	32	14	33	47	20	18	15	18	9	85	0.704
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	65.6%	Team Rebs		3							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	44	6	18			5	6	5	12	17	2	4	1	7	1	17	0.727
Baker, Janice	12	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Bruton, Cindy	20	2	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.500
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	35	5	8			3	3	0	9	9	2	2	2	4	3	13	0.686
Cooper, Sheena	11	5	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Earnhardt, Christy	42	38	2	8			4	4	2	5	7	4	3	2	4	0	8	0.553
French, Joanie	30	31	4	7			4	4	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	12	0.516
John, Jeriann	44	26	1	6			0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	2	0.231
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	46	8	16			1	2	4	6	10	6	4	2	11	1	17	0.652
Stewart, Debbie	33	11	1	5			2	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	0.636
Totals		240	27	69	0	0	19	22	12	36	48	19	17	10	32	6	73	0.571
			FG%	39.1%			FT%	86.4%	Team Rebs		1							

The Pioneers now had a full two-game lead over the Houston Angels in the Western Division. The Angels who ended 1979 with a 7-2 record were in freefall and showing an 8-7 record. Things were going so badly, that a team that prided itself on defense just lost a home game to the Iowa Cornets 132-108. 132, of course, was bad but the fact they gave up 50 points in the

third quarter, and 83 in the 2nd half was quite embarrassing. Playing Houston was still two games away; the team's focus had to be on the visiting New York Stars.

The Stars were the opposite of Houston as they were in the midst of a 14-game winning streak. After breaking Houston's record of 11-games in a row, by beating Houston 96-95, they overwhelmed Chicago in a home and home series. On January 16th in the Felt Forum they beat the Hustle 126-97. Then on the 19th a great crowd of 3,873 came out to Chicago's Alumni Hall to see the Hustle lose again 115-97. 14 in a row.

The Stars were intimidating teams with their fire power and aggressive play. Yet after the Chicago game on the 19th, the Stars flew back to New York instead of going out to San Francisco. Then when they tried to leave New York they spent several hours at the airport before departing for San Francisco. They didn't arrive until 3:00 am, the morning of the game. The Stars owners then expected to go out and play their best.

The Pioneer's best crowd of the year, 2,525, came out to watch these two teams go at it. Yet were the people there because of the great match-up or the fact that there was a Disco Night Promotion? The last time they played (December 22nd) they were the 10-4 Pioneers versus the 10-2 Stars. This game, also on the 22nd, had the 13-8 Pioneers against the 17-2 Stars.

San Francisco threw the first punch and led 29-21, but New York countered to only trail 51-50 at the half. New York took the lead after three quarters 71-70. The game continued to go back and forth until the Pioneers led 95-93 with 1:28 left. Anita Ortega picked up her 4th foul and Sharron Farrah made both free throws to tie the game and send it to overtime.

New York took the lead 101-100 with 29 seconds left, when Kim Hansen was fouled. Kim, who was already 8-10 from the line, stepped up and knocked down both free throws to give the Pioneers the 102-101 lead. With :03 remaining Pat Mayo got a steal and the Pioneers took a time-out. Anita Ortega was fouled on the inbounds and with :01 left she made both free throws for a 104-101 lead. The Stars couldn't hit a final shot and for the 2nd time this season the Pioneers beat the Stars.

The Stars' winning streak was halted at 14, and now two of their three losses were against the Pioneers. The first win was with Cardie Hicks, and now they beat the Stars without Cardie Hicks. Of course, do you need one of your better players when the free throw discrepancy is 58 to 26? The Stars had 38 fouls called on them and the Pioneers just 25.

A full team effort could be seen with Anita Ortega scoring 32, including 12-14 from the line. Pat Mayo had 20, Musiette McKinney had 19, and Kim Hansen's 14 points were in addition to her 21 rebounds.

The Stars had five players in double figures with Sharon Farrah's 32 leading the way. Janice Thomas had 18 points, but fouled out. Pearl Moore added 16 points.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		0				1	4			0						1
Brewer, Lisa	9		1				2	2			0						4
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		2				10	12		21	21						14
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		6				8	11			0			1	<< at least		20
McKinney, Musiette	33		6				7	13			0						19
Ortega, Anita	11		10				12	14			0	8	4	<< at least			32
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				2	2			0		6				6
Ternyik, Jan	22		4				0	0			0						8
Adjustment		265		93									15				
Totals		265	31	93	0	0	42	58	0	21	21	8	25	1	0	0	104
			FG%	33.3%			FT%	72.4%	Team Rebs								

New York Stars																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Craig, Denise	13		2				2	2			0						6
Farrah, Sharon	11		14				4	7			0						32
Gwyn, Althea	31		6				0	3			0						12
Marquis, Gail	6		3				0	0			0		6				6
Moore, Pearl	12		7				2	2			0						16
Sanborn, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Smith, Karen	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Tatterson, Gail	33		4				3	5			0						11
Thomas, Janice	10		6				6	7			0		6				18
Adjustment		265											26				
Totals		265	42	0	0	0	17	26	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	101
			FG%	#####			FT%	65.4%	Team Rebs								

The next day the newspapers noted that Anita Ortega and Pat Mayo would be representing the Pioneers in the All-Star scheduled for January 30th in Chicago. Anita was in the top five scorers in the league with 25 a game, while Pat Mayo was the league leader with 3.6 steals per game. Also, the Pioneers added a former 1978-79 All-Star to their front line, Gerry Booker.

After an emotional and exciting victory in front of their largest crowd of the year the team needed to be ready for a big letdown. Especially when your next opponent was the (5-12) California Dreams. Yet for a team that were 2-8 under their first coach, Artie Blouin's 3-4 was quite respectable.

The Pioneers had three days to get themselves ready for the trip down to Long Beach Arena. The Dreams were concluding their own four-game home stand where they were 2-1 to date. So, on Friday evening January 25th, the Dreams could only attract 229 fans. These die-hards saw the Dreams take a 24-20 1st quarter lead, which they increased to 53-48 at the half.

Despite Musiette McKinney's efforts, the Pioneers just couldn't get over the hump. The score was tied at 97 with 1:56 left, and also at 101 with either 24 or four seconds left (depending on which newspaper you wanted to believe) when Linda Matthews hit a game-winning shot. The Pioneers eventually lost 103-101.

McKinney's 40 points put her in an exclusive WBL club with only 13 other WBL players. Pat Mayo's 16 points, nine rebounds, and four steals helped keep the game close.

The Dreams coach Artie Blouin was now 4-4 as he was also solidifying his rotations. Six players scored in double figures, led by ex-Philadelphia Fox guard Linda Matthews who had 24 points, eight assists, and five steals. Stacey Rhoades had 18 points and 12 rebounds, before she fouled out.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		1				2	2			0						4
Brewer, Lisa	9		2				0	0			0						4
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		1				6	7		6	6						8
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		4				8	8		9	9			4		1	16
McKinney, Musiette	33		14	26			12	16		6	6						40
Ortega, Anita	11		5				4	4			0	4				2	14
Ricketts, Debbie	8		6				0	0			0	4					12
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				1	4			0					1	3
Adjustment		240		56						17	17	7	23	13	28		
Totals		240	34	82	0	0	33	41	0	38	38	15	23	17	28	4	101
			FG%	41.5%			FT%	80.5%	Team Rebs								

California Dreams																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		2				2	2			0					1	6
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		4				2	2			0						10
Dunkle, Nancy	15		5				2	2		9	9					4	12
Matthews, Linda	50		6				12	14			0	8		5			24
McGraw, Muffet	10		2				0	0			0						4
Melbourne, Mara	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Rhoades, Stacy	17		9				0	2		12	12		6				18
Scharff, Mary	11		8				0	0			0	5				1	16
Scott, Angela	23		4				3	4			0					1	11
Shirley, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Uhl, Joan	22		1				0	0		10	10						2
Adjustment		240		80						12	12	9	25	12	32		
Totals		240	41	80	0	0	21	26	0	43	43	22	31	17	32	7	103
			FG%	51.3%			FT%	80.8%	Team Rebs								

With greater preparation than last year, the WBL scheduled four days off to have their 2nd Annual All-Star game. The game was in Chicago's Alumni Hall on January 30th and was attended by 2,473 people.

The West squad, coached by Iowa's Steve Kirk defeated the East squad, coached by the Stars' Dean Meminger, 115-112. The East took a 30-25 1st quarter lead, which they held onto for a 57-56 halftime advantage. The West jumped ahead after three quarters, 89-83 and came through with their 115-112 victory.

For the second year in a row the game's Most Valuable Player was on the losing team. Charlene McWhorter, the ex-Washington Metro who was the first player chosen in the dispersal draft and now a member of the Milwaukee Does, had 31 points.

The San Francisco Pioneers were represented by Anita Ortega, who scored 13, and Pat Mayo, who scored nine points.

Western Division All-Stars															
Coach: Steve Kirk Iowa Cornets 15 - 5															
Team	Name	Pos.	Min	2 FGM	2FGA	FTM	FTA	OF RB	DF RB	TOT RB	Ast	PF	St	BS	Pts
California Dreams	Cook, Jane Ellen	G		2	3	4	5			0		0			8
California Dreams	Dunkle, Nancy	C		1	2	0	0			0		3			2
Dallas Diamonds	Shoemaker, Cathy	F		0	2	0	0			0		2			0
Dallas Diamonds	Abernathy, Alfreda	C		8	16	6	9			0		3			22
Houston Angels	Mayo, Paula	F		3	7	4	4			0		1			10
Houston Angels	Candler, Belinda	F		1	1	0	0			0		2			2
Iowa Cornets	Bolin, Molly	G		11	28	3	6			0		4			25
Iowa Cornets	Draving, Doris	C		1	4	2	2			0		4			4
Minnesota Fillies	Montgomery, Pat	C		4	5	0	0			0		0			8
Minnesota Fillies	Kocurek, Marie	F		3	7	6	8			0		6			12
San Francisco Pioneers	Ortega, Anita	G		3	8	7	10			0		2			13
San Francisco Pioneers	Mayo, Pat	F		3	5	3	6			0		4			9
Adjustments			240						53						
			240	40	88	35	50	0	53	53	0	31	0	0	115

Eastern Division All-Stars															
Coach: Dean Meminger New York Stars 17 - 4															
Team	Name	Pos.	Min	2 FGM	2FGA	FTM	FTA	OF RB	DF RB	TOT RB	Ast	PF	St	BS	Pts
Chicago Hustle	Easterling, Rita	G	24	1	3	1	2			0	6	3			3
Chicago Hustle	Waddy-Rossow, Debra	F		3	9	1	2			0		4			7
Milwaukee Does	McWhorter, Charlene	F	24	12	17	7	8		6	6	1	6	3	3	31
Milwaukee Does	Nestor, Heidi	C		7	15	3	5			0		2			17
New Jersey Gems	Meyers, Ann	F		7	15	1	2		7	7	6	5	5		15
New Jersey Gems	Geils, Donna	G		1	7	7	9			0		1			9
New Orleans Pride	Smallwood, Sandra	G		0	1	0	0			0		3			0
New Orleans Pride	Forest, Augusta	F		0	3	5	6			0		1			5
New York Stars	Thomas, Janice	G		3	15	2	2			0		3			8
New York Stars	Gwyn, Althea	C		1	3	0	0			0		0			2
St. Louis Streak	Silcott, Liz	G		4	8	3	4			0		0			11
St. Louis Streak	Mitchell, Adrian	F		0	0	4	4			0		0			4
Adjustment			192						33			3			
			240	39	96	34	44	0	46	46	13	31	8	3	112

At the All-Star break the standings looked like this:

EAST

New York 17 4 .810 ---
 St. Louis 12 8 .600 4.5
 New Orleans 12 10 .546 5.5
 New Jersey 11 11 .500 6.5

MIDWEST

Iowa 15 5 .750 ---
 Minnesota 14 6 .700 1.0
 Chicago 10 13 .435 6.5
 Milwaukee 5 17 .227 11.0

WEST

San Fran. 14 9 .688 ---
 Houston 8 9 .471 3.0
 California 6 13 .316 6.0
 Dallas 6 15 .285 7.0

The playoffs at the end of the season called for the top two teams from each division making the playoffs, six in all. The two best teams got 1st round byes and then the next four teams were part of a 2 of 3 playoffs. As of the All-Star break it would seem that New York and Iowa would get byes, while Minnesota would host Houston and the Pioneers would host St. Louis.

As you may have noticed the defending WBL champions, the Houston Angels, completed a 1-7 month of January.

On Friday February 1st the (14-9) Pioneers went to Houston to play the (8-9) Angels. The original location was Hofheinz Pavilion, on the campus of the University of Houston. But as of January 19th, the Angels had run up an \$8,800 debt with Hofheinz. The Angels' new playing site would be Autry Court on the campus of Rice University. The Angels' coaches, Don Knodel and Greg Williams, were both affiliated with Rice, so that change made sense.

480 found the Angels and attended the game, which saw the Angels take a 23-19 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers scratched back to trail 49-46 at the half. San Francisco's momentum carried them to a 68-66 lead after three quarters. Yet maybe a few days away from basketball, was what the Angels needed. They put 34 points on the board to grab a 100-95 victory over the Pioneers.

The Pioneers, who were once 10-3, were now 14-10. The Angels evened their record at 9-9. The Pioneers were led by All-Star Anita Ortega's 31 points, 11 rebounds, and three assists. Musiette McKinney, showed her All-Star talent, though she wasn't chosen, with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Two solid subs, Jan Terniyk and Gerry Booker, each contributed 13 points.

For Houston Belinda Candler had 26, while the league's most underrated player, Vicky Chapman had 25 points and nine rebounds. Super sub, Pat Johnson, added 16 for the Angels.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		4				5	6		12	12						13
Brewer, Lisa	9		1				0	0			0						2
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper									0						0
Hansen, Kim	32		1				2	4			0		6				4
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper									0						0
Mayo, Pat	13		3				0	0			0		6				6
McKinney, Musiette	33		8				3	8		12	12						19
Ortega, Anita	11		8				15	20		11	11	3					31
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2		1	1	0	0			0	3					7
Terniyk, Jan	22		2				9	10			0		6				13
Adjustment		240		80						19	19	3	16	14	21		
Totals		240	29	80	1	1	34	48	0	54	54	9	34	14	21	0	95
			FG%	36.3%			FT%	70.8%	Team Rebs								

Houston Angels																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		0				2	2		11	11						2
Candler, Belinda	24		7				12	15			0						26
Chapman, Vicky	22		8				9	11		9	9						25
Durham, Gwen	3		1				0	0			0						2
Johnson, Pat	45		4				8	11			0						16
Jones, Belinda	23		4				4	7			0						12
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		1				1	2			0						3
Mayo, Paula	10		3				1	2			0						7
Washington, Cynthia	15		2				3	4			0						7
Adjustment		240		74						30	30	18	28	10	32		
Totals		240	30	74	0	0	40	54	0	50	50	18	28	10	32	0	100
			FG%	40.5%			FT%	74.1%	Team Rebs								

The next stop on this brief trip away from home was to St. Louis. The (12-8) Streak and 1,331 fans welcomed the (14-10) Pioneers into Kiel Auditorium. Yet it wasn't the crowd that concerned Coach Frank LaPorte, but the comment by the referee before the game.

"Before the game, one of the officials came up to me and said, 'Don't worry about getting homered. We're going to give you a fair shake.' I should have been suspicious of them from the start. When a ref comes up to you before the game and says something like that, you know he's feeling guilty."

"This is ridiculous. Something's got to be done in this league. Everybody wins at home and loses on the road. We just got ripped off in Houston on Friday."

The Streak jumped out to a commanding 28-13 1st quarter lead. This was helped by the 1st quarter ejection of Coach LaPorte, who said this was his first ejection in 25 years of coaching. Yet was the ejection justified?

"I warned him twice before throwing him out of the game," official Gene Barth said of LaPorte.

"After a foul was called, he came running onto the court and threw a verbal barrage of swear words at Steve (Zebos, the other official). I told him to get back, but he persisted."

In the meantime, the Streak lead became 50-34 at the half. Yet the halftime adjustments allowed the Pioneers to outscore the Streak 31-17 and only trail 67-65 after three quarters. The Streak adjusted to the adjustments and held on for a 92-89 victory. Despite what was perceived as home preferential treatment, the Pioneers shot 50 free throws to the Streak's 46.

Anita Ortega led the team with 28 points but had a horrible 8-20 from the free throw line. Amazingly the Streak's Liz Silcott had 34 points but was also 8-19 from the line. The Pioneers' Kim Hansen had 15 points, before she fouled out. The Streak's Adrian Mitchell joined the rare 20 point – 20 rebound club with 21 & 23. There were only 14 players in league history who accomplished this feat.

The Pioneers had now lost their 7th straight road game. Their last road win was on December 8th in New Jersey.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Booker, Gerry	35		4				4	4			0						12	
Brewer, Lisa	9	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		6				3	8			0		6				15	
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		3				2	4		13	13						8	
McKinney, Musiette	33		2				5	8			0		6				9	
Ortega, Anita	11		10				8	20			0						28	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				0	0			0						8	
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				5	6			0						9	
Adjustment		240		75						50	50		19					
Totals		240	31	75	0	0	27	50	0	63	63	0	31	0	0	0	89	
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	54.0%	Team Rebs									

St. Louis Streak																		Team Ge					
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts						
Chavers, Tonyus	6		0				1	2			0						1						
Daniels, Coco	1		4				7	9			0						15						
Griffey, Venita	11		Name not in Newspaper																				
Loyd, Jeanie	10		Name not in Newspaper																				
Mitchell, Adrian	34		8				5	10			23						23	21					
Patterson, Sheila	33		6				3	4			0						15						
Penczak, Kathi	11		1				0	0			0						2						
Platte, Ann	23		1				0	0			0						2						
Plice, Darla	20		0				2	2			0						2						
Silcott, Liz	22	13	8	19	0	34																	
Washington, Debbie	31	Name not in Newspaper																					
Adjustment		240		80						35	35		30										
Totals		240	33	80	0	0	26	46	0	58	58	0	30	0	0	0	92						
			FG%	41.3%			FT%	56.5%	Team Rebs														

On Thursday February 7th the Pioneers went back to Southern California and to the Long Beach Arena. The reeling and inconsistent (14-11) Pioneers would take on the improving (6-14) California Dreams.

Yet for the Dreams after Coach Blouin had evened his personal record at 4-4, he lost two close games. One was to New Orleans by 2, and the other was to Houston by 6. Therefore, the Dreams' ownership thought there was a need for another new coach. Or the ownership thought that coaches were only good for 10 games each. Afterall, Mel Sims was 2-8 when he was fired, and now Artie Blouin was 4-6 when he was released.

The replacement coach, or coaches, were players. Nancy Dunkle and Mary Scharff were given the job of fixing the Dreams' problems. Nancy had been a coach in college for several years before coming back to try the pros. Therefore, Coach Dunkle's debut would be against a very familiar opponent, the San Francisco Pioneers.

The 200 people that showed up saw the Dreams take a 26-22 lead. The Pioneers took the lead by one, 43-42, at the half. The players on California wanted their friend, coach, and peer to look good, so they worked hard and took control with a 24-16 3rd quarter, which made the score 66-59.

The Dreams completed the task and gave Coach Dunkle her first WBL victory, 93-82. Kim Hansen led the way for San Francisco with 23 points and eight rebounds. Anita Ortega added 21 points and five assists. For California Joan Uhl had 20 points and 10 rebounds. Even with her coaching responsibilities Nancy Dunkle still came through with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		2				2	2			0						6
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		9				5	8		8	8						23
Martin, Brenda	45		0				1	2			0						1
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		3				4	6		5	5			6			10
McKinney, Musiette	33		1				5	6			0	5		3			7
Ortega, Anita	11		6				9	11			0	5				2	21
Ricketts, Debbie	8		1				0	0			0						2
Ternyik, Jan	22		5				2	2			0						12
Adjustment		240		78						24	24		25	5	23		
Totals		240	27	78	0	0	28	37	0	37	37	10	25	14	23	2	82
			FG%	34.6%			FT%	75.7%	Team Rebs								

California Dreams																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40		5				1	2		10	10					2	11
Cook, Jane Ellen	7		5				0	0			0						10
Dunkle, Nancy	15		5				7	8		12	12	3					17
Matthews, Linda	50		3				8	11			0	3					14
McGraw, Muffet	10		1				4	4			0	3		3			6
McKenzie, Michelle	20		0				2	3			0						2
Rhoades, Stacy	17		1				0	0			0						2
Scharff, Mary	11		2				3	4			0						7
Scott, Angela	23		1				0	0			0						2
Shirley, Pam	12		0				2	2			0						2
Uhl, Joan	22		9				2	2		10	10			3			20
Adjustment		240		82						17	17		23	8	26	3	
Totals		240	32	82	0	0	29	36	0	49	49	9	23	14	26	5	93
			FG%	39.0%			FT%	80.6%	Team Rebs								

Life in the WBL could be exciting and unpredictable. In St. Louis the Streak, who started off 0-4 without Liz Silcott, and then went 14-5 with her, suspended Liz for three days. Yet what they really wanted was to just get her as far away as possible. The management and the coach thought she was too much of a distraction.

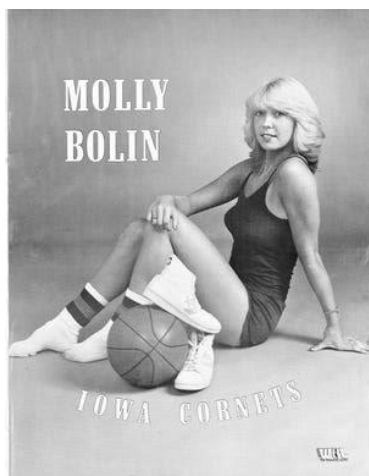
So, on February 10, before their next game, the Pioneers made a trade with St. Louis to bring Liz Silcott to San Francisco. The Pioneers gave up guard Lisa Brewer, who went to college in Louisiana. Therefore, going to St. Louis would bring her closer to home. The Pioneers also gave up their 1980 1st round draft pick. This was later changed to a 5th round pick.

As evidence of how badly the Streak wanted to separate themselves from Silcott, look at the following stats:

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Steals</u>	<u>Turnovers</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>Games</u>
Brewer	81	5.06	27	24	29	46%	16
Silcott	628	33.05	110	66	104	43%	19

One of the greatest offensive machines the WBL had ever seen for an infrequently used reserve. For the Streak, Lisa Brewer never reported to her new team.

It was too bad for the Pioneers that Iowa came in on Monday, February 11th. If it were a few days later and Liz Silcott had joined the team the league's two leading scorers would be matched up. As of February 9th, Silcott was averaging 32.95 and Molly Bolin was averaging 32.54.



But the Pioneer fans weren't disappointed, because Molly brought along her special posters, which sold out immediately in the Auditorium lobby. Molly and Iowa management recognized that she was underpaid, but they couldn't afford more money, so they cut a deal. The team paid for the pictures and printing of the posters and Molly could keep the money from the sales.

For a Monday the Pioneers had a good crowd of 2,110 come out and the Pioneers didn't disappoint them as they took a 24-20 lead. Yet the Cornets were smarting from their loss to the Dreams two days before. (115-112 in overtime) Therefore, the Cornets fought back to take 48-44 lead, despite 16 points from Pat Mayo.

In the 3rd quarter Iowa had a 13-point lead, but a full court press by the Pioneers and the support from the crowd lifted the team to within one, 73-72 as they went into the 4th quarter. In the end Mayo came through with 14 points and defensive pressure on Bolin. This time the Pioneers prevailed with a 23-14 4th quarter and a 95-87 victory.

The Pioneers improved to 15-12 and opened up a ½ game lead on the Angels in the Western Division. Their six-game home stand made a difference in the playoff placement. For Iowa this loss dropped them ½ game behind the (15-7) Minnesota Fillies.

The Pioneers were led by their trio of Pat Mayo's 32 points and 11 rebounds, Musiette McKinney's 21 points, and Anita Ortega's 20 points. A reserve who was making her presence known was Jan Ternyik who had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Kim Hansen came through with 12 rebounds.

For the losing Cornets the Pioneers held Molly Bolin 11 points below her average with 21 points on 7 of 24 from the field. Pat Hodgson's 19 and Doris Draving's 17 were the only other Cornets in double figures.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		1				0	0			0						2
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		3				0	2		12	12						6
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		12				8	10		11	11						32
McKinney, Musiette	33		6				9	10			0						21
Ortega, Anita	11		8				4	5			0						20
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				0	0			0						4
Ternyik, Jan	22		4				2	3		10	10						10
Adjustment		240		87						21	21		26	12	19	5	
Totals		240	36	87	0	0	23	30	0	54	54	0	26	12	19	5	95
			FG%	41.4%			FT%	76.7%	Team Rebs								

Iowa Cornets																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bolin, Molly	30		7	24			7	9			0						21
Davidson, Winsome	20		1				0	0			0						2
Draving, Doris	50		6				5	8			0						17
Green, Anita	12		3				2	5			0						8
Hodgson, Pat	34		8				3	4			0						19
Kunzmann, Connie	44		3				3	5		10	10		6				9
Lewis, Charlotte	52		3				3	5			0						9
Penquite, Rhonda	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Thomas, Debra K.	40	Name not in Newspaper															
Tucker, Robin	10		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240		48						33	33		17	9	23	1	
Totals		240	32	72	0	0	23	36	0	43	43	0	23	9	23	1	87
			FG%	44.4%			FT%	63.9%	Team Rebs								

For the second game of this final home stand of the season another team fighting for a playoff spot came into town. The (16-10) New Orleans Pride were 3-0 on their five-game road trip as they came into the Civic Auditorium. A smaller Wednesday crowd of 1,102 were ready to push the Pioneers to better things.

The Pioneers held the Pride to 15 1st quarter points as they took a 23-15 lead. The score became 43-38 at the half in favor of the Pioneers, which they expanded to 69-58 after three. The closest the Pride could get was 75-72 with 4:40 remaining. The 94-81 victory for the Pioneers established them as the Western Division leader at 16-12. The Pride fell to 16-11 in the Eastern Division.



Pat Mayo justified her draft selection with a 28-point, 16 rebound performance. Anita Ortega's 21 points in 48 minutes, and Kim Hansen's 17 points and 11 rebounds in 41 minutes was evidence of the team's lack of depth. Five players played for 40 minutes or more.

New Orleans's Bertha Hardy had 29 points on 11 of 12 from the floor and had seven rebounds, while Augusta Forest's 12 was the only other double-digit scorer.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35		1				0	0			0						2
Hansen, Barb	42		0				0	0			0						0
Hansen, Kim	32	41	6				5	6		11	11						17
Martin, Brenda	45	3	1				0	0			0						2
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13	46	11				6	8		16	16			5			28
McKinney, Musiette	33		3				0	0			0						6
Ortega, Anita	11	48	8				5	5			0						21
Ricketts, Debbie	8	48	3				0	0			0						6
Ternyik, Jan	22	40	5				2	6		13	13						12
Adjustment		14		86					27	-8	19		24		19		
Totals		240	38	86	0	0	18	25	27	32	59	0	24	5	19	0	94
			FG%	44.2%			FT%	72.0%	Team Rebs								
Special Notes:										Rbs 27+32=59							
MINS - article said starters played 223 mins. I knew Mayo, Ortega, & Ricketts.										Don't know individual OFR							
Split the other 81 between Hansen & Ternyik																	

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Anderson, Katrina	22		3				1	1		9	9						7
Ard, Wanda	15		3				0	0			0						6
Blalock, Sybil	10		1				0	0			0						2
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				0	0			0						2
Dean, Paula	30		4				0	0			0						8
Duckworth, Tesa	24	Name not in Newspaper															
Forest, Augusta	31		4				4	7			0						12
Hardy, Bertha	33		11	12			7	9		7	7						29
Smallwood, Sandra	34		1				4	7			0						6
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper															
Williams, Cindy	11		4				1	2			0						9
Adjustment		240		63						22	16		24		18		
Totals		240	32	75	0	0	17	26	0	38	32	0	24	0	18	0	81
			FG%	42.7%			FT%	65.4%	Team Rebs								

The Pioneers had 10 days before their next game, against the visiting California Dreams. Yes, the Dreams again. When the Fox and Metros went under it was vital that the schedule be redone and that all teams played a comparable number of games. Yet in order to add games, but also save money, extra games usually involved teams close in proximity. So, for the Pioneers and Dreams, they would play each other a lot. The combo of Houston, Dallas, and New Orleans also played each other quite often.

But the big winner (or loser) was probably the New York Stars and New Jersey Gems who played each other seven times. Unfortunately for the Gems this was the year the Stars were a juggernaut and the Gems were 1-6 against the Stars. The Gems were 18-11 (.621) against the rest of the league.

So, for the 6th time in the regular season, plus the three in the pre-season the Pioneer and Dreams played. The difference was that now the Dreams knew how to beat the Pioneers. The Pioneers might have started out 2-1 (pre-season) and 3-0 (regular season), but the Dreams were 2-0 in their last two meetings.

But were the Dreams prepared for a 32.95 scoring threat joining the Pioneers? With 10 days between games the Pioneers and Liz Silcott became acquainted.

1,930 came out for this Saturday contest and saw a Pioneer team that couldn't get going. With 6:58 left the Dreams had an 8-3 advantage which expanded to a 27-23 1st quarter lead. But when the Pioneers called on Silcott she attacked the basket and scored 16 first half points to lead the team to a 48-41 lead.

The Pioneer lead reached nine points, before the Dreams scored eight straight points and took control with a 19-12 advantage to tie the score at 60 each. In the 4th quarter Silcott took over with a jump shot to put the Pioneers up 67-65, then an assist to Mayo, and then another jumper for a 71-69 lead. As Silcott drove the lane and passed to Mayo for another hoop, it was waved off because of a Silcott offensive foul, her 5th of the game. Then a questionable loose ball foul sent Silcott to the bench with her 6th foul and her 22 points. This was the first WBL game she had ever fouled out of. With Silcott out and Anita Ortega having an off night, the Pioneers 79-76 lead disappeared as the Dreams outscored the Pioneers 12-1 to close out with an 88-80 victory. This was their third win in a row against the Pioneers.

The Pioneers were led by Silcott's 22 points. Pat Mayo scored 17, but Anita Ortega only had 11 points. The Dreams were led by Stacey Rhoades 29 points, followed by Nancy Dunkle's 16. Patti Bucklew and Linda Matthews each had 16 points. This Dream victory also raised player/coach Nancy Dunkle's record to 5-3 and the team's record was now 11-17.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Booker, Gerry	35										0						1
Hansen, Barb	42										0						4
Hansen, Kim	32										0						8
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13										0		1 <at Least				17
McKinney, Musiette	33										0						11
Ortega, Anita	11										0						11
Ricketts, Debbie	8										0						6
Silcott, Liz	21										0	1	6 at Least 1 ast				22
Ternyik, Jan	22	Name not in Newspaper															
Adjustment		240											14				
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	0	0	0	80
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

California Dreams																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Bucklew, Patti	40										0						12
Cook, Jane Ellen	7										0						2
Dunkle, Nancy	15										0						16
Matthews, Linda	50										0						12
McGraw, Muffet	10										0						2
McKenzie, Michelle	20	Name not in Newspaper															
Rhoades, Stacy	17										0						29
Scharff, Mary	11										0						11
Scott, Angela	23										0						2
Shirley, Pam	12										0						2
Uhl, Joan	22	Name not in Newspaper															
Adjustment		240											25				
Totals		240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	88
			FG%	####			FT%	#DIV/0!	Team Rebs								

For California, the question was would Dunkle be fired after she played and coached her 10th game, like the other coaches? The Dreams were scheduled to play Wednesday (27th) at home and then Friday (29th) in Milwaukee. The answer is – we'll never know. As of this game, on Saturday February 23rd, the Dreams closed shop.

Dreams' General Manager Bob Joseph called Minnesota and told them not to come out to California, because the team would no longer continue. So, with a record of 11-17, the California Dreams were kaput. The 4th team to default in the 2nd season.

In the words of the Mama's and Papa's Creeque Alley:
 Bill Byrne's Good Vibrations
 and Our Imaginations
 Can't Go on Indefinitely,
 And California Dreamin, Is No Longer a Reality.

The (17-8) Minnesota Fillies were traveling to the West Coast for what they thought was a two-game stop in California. As you can see above, the second game never took place. Yet their first stop was at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The last time these two teams met (11/25/79), in Minnesota, the Pioneers won 94-80. This time on Sunday February 24 the Pioneers were struggling to stay above .500.

1,131 fans came out to see the Pioneers fall behind 32-28 with Liz Silcott sitting on the bench. She came into the game in the 2nd quarter, but could only score one point as her teammates were standing around watching her. Their uncertainty of what she was going to do with the ball, which was usually shoot first and pass second made them hesitant.

Yet the Pioneers were able to tie the Fillies at the half, 53-53. In the 2nd half, the Pioneers were not getting back on defense as the Fillies threw at least six long lobs to open teammates ahead of the field. Minnesota took the lead at 80-76, which they increased to 88-79 quickly. The Pioneers got within four, 111-107, with 1:11 left but were unable to do much more as they lost 116-109.

For the Pioneers their scoring looked more like the earlier days with Musiette McKinney scoring 23, Pat Mayo with 21, and Anita Ortega with 18. For Liz "The Whiz" Silcott she played a reasonable 25 minutes and scored 17 on 6 of 14 shots. The Fillies had six players with double figures. Donna Wilson led the way with 35, while Pat Montgomery had 22, before she fouled out.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Booker, Gerry	35	18	2	4			0	0	3	5	8	2	2	1	3	1	4	
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		5				2	4			0		6				12	
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		8				5	9			0						21	
McKinney, Musiette	33		7				9	10			0						23	
Ortega, Anita	11		6				6	7			0						18	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		3				0	0			0						6	
Silcott, Liz	21	25	6	14			5	12	0	1	1	3	4	1	1	0	17	
Ternyik, Jan	22		3				2	2			0						8	
Adjustment		197											14					
Totals		240	40	18	0	0	29	44	3	6	9	5	26	2	4	1	109	
			FG%	####			FT%	65.9%	Team Rebs									

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Games
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
DeBoer, Kathy	21	22	3	7			5	9	1	5	6	4	3	1	3	0	11
DeLorme, Scooter	32		6				2	2			0						14
Kocurek, Marie	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Mason, Debbie	13	22	4	8			4	4	1		1	6	6	1	3	0	12
Montgomery, Pat	53		10				2	2			0		6				22
Owens, Katrina	33		4				0	0			0						8
Sharps, Denise	10	16	2	10			0	0	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	4
Timperman, Janet	12		3				4	4			0						10
Wilson, Donna	11		15				5	7			0						35
Adjustment		180											11				
Totals		240	47	25	0	0	22	28	2	6	8	11	32	2	6	0	116
			FG%	#####			FT%	78.6%	Team Rebs								

As of February 24th the Pioneers were 16-14, which made them 1.5 games behind the 16-11 Houston Angels. After hitting bottom at 8-9, the Angels turned it around with an 8-2 record. The difference? A new ownership group that followed through with paychecks, scouting, travel arrangements, and game operations.

For Minnesota their 18-8 record gave them a 2-game lead over the 18-12 Iowa Cornets. With four games in hand the Fillies were in control of their own playoff positioning. In fact, the 23-7 New York Stars were only three games ahead, but the Fillies had the games in hand to be 22-8.

As for the playoffs, did the Pioneers have to worry about the St. Louis Streak? Hardly. Since suspending and trading Liz Silcott the Streak were 1-4 bringing them to 15-13, making them even with the Pioneers.

Let's look at the standings as of the end of February, which was still 5 days away.

EAST

New York 23 7 .767 ---
 New Orleans 19 12 .613 4.5
 New Jersey 17 14 .548 6.5
 St. Louis 15 14 .517 7.5

MIDWEST

Minnesota 18 9 .667 ---
 Iowa 19 12 .613 1.0
 Chicago 14 17 .452 6.0
 Milwaukee 8 20 .286 10.5

WEST

Houston 17 13 .567 ---
 San Fran. 16 14 .533 1.0
 California 11 17 .393 5.0*
 Dallas 7 25 .219 11.0

*Disbanded

As of March 1st New York & Minnesota had earned the byes. Iowa would host San Francisco and Houston would host New Orleans.

The next game for the Pioneers wasn't until Sunday March 2nd, so the Pioneers had 7 days to prepare for the Houston Angels. A Pioneer victory would mean a virtual tie at 17-14 each.

The Sunday crowd of 2,212, and KRON-TV were there to watch the Pioneers take a 28-27 1st quarter lead. The teams went into the half time locker room tied at 57. The Angels' Mayo had 28 points in the first half but was held to six in the 2nd half by Pat Mayo (no relation). The teams stay tied at 81 after three quarters. Over the entirety of the game the lead changed hands 20 times and was tied 17 times.

The Pioneers thought they had their victory when with 1:14 remaining and the Pioneers leading 99-98, Paula Mayo stepped to the line and missed all three free throws. A Pioneer free throw and an Angel basket tied the score at 100. Vicky Chapman then banked in a side jumper with :15 remaining to give the Angels the 102-100 victory. This two point game all came down to the foul line. The Angels hit 32 of 41 (78%) vs the Pioneers 26 of 41 (62%). The Angels 18-13 record gave them a two-game lead over the 16-15 Pioneers.

The guard combination of Liz Silcott and Anta Ortega went for more than half the team points (52) with Anita taking scoring honors with 29. The Angels were led by Paula Mayo's 14 of 18 from the field for 34 points, 10 rebounds, and four steals. Belinda Candler added 18 and Belinda Jones had 15.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		1				2	4		11	11			2			4
Martin, Brenda	45		3				2	3			0						8
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		6				1	2			0						13
McKinney, Musiette	33		3				3	6			0	4		2			9
Ortega, Anita	11	48	10				9	10			0	7			9		29
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				1	3			0		6				5
Silcott, Liz	21		9				5	10			0			2			23
Ternyik, Jan	22		3				3	4			0		6				9
Adjustment		192		82						33	33			3	13		
Totals		240	37	82	0	0	26	42	0	44	44	11	12	9	22	0	100
			FG%	45.1%			FT%	61.9%		Team Rbs							

Houston Angels																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11	Name not in Newspaper	3				3	5			0						9	
Candler, Belinda	24		6				6	7			0						18	
Chapman, Vicky	22		3				4	4			0	5					10	
Durham, Gwen	3																	
Johnson, Pat	45		2				2	2			0						6	
Jones, Belinda	23		4				7	7			0						15	
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		1				0	0			0						2	
Mayo, Paula	10		14	18			6	11		10	10				4		34	
Washington, Cynthia	15		2				4	5			0						8	
Adjustment		240		52						31	31			4	27			
Totals		240	35	70	0	0	32	41	0	41	41	5	0	8	27	0	102	
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	78.0%	Team Rebs									

There were only about two weeks left in the season, but with the re-organized schedule it was hard to tell where teams stood. By the season's end most teams played 36 games and one team played 33.

The final game of this six-game homestand brought the New Orleans Pride back to the Civic Auditorium on Monday March 3rd. The (19-12) Pride and the (16-15) Pioneers were still fighting for playoff spots. 1,229 came out to see the Pioneers take a 29-23 lead, which increased to 48-41. The Pride's 23-14 3rd quarter made the score 64-62 in the Pride's favor. A tightly fought final quarter saw the Pride victorious, 81-75.



The Pioneers were led by Liz Silcott, who had 24 points, and Anita Ortega's 17 points. Pat Mayo's 12 points and 16 rebounds helped in this losing cause. For the Pride Sybil Blalock had 20, while three others were in double figures.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		4				3	6			0						11
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		2	4			8	11		16	16						12
McKinney, Musiette	33				1	1	2	4			0						5
Ortega, Anita	11		7				3	4			0						17
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				0	0			0						4
Silcott, Liz	21		9				6	8			0						24
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				0	0			0						2
Adjustment		240		66						36	36		26				
Totals		240	25	70	1	1	22	33	0	52	52	0	26	0	0	0	75
			FG%	35.7%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs								

New Orleans Pride																	Team Ge						
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts						
Anderson, Katrina	22		2				1	1			0						5						
Ard, Wanda	15		2				0	0			0						4						
Blalock, Sybil	10		8				4	5			0						20						
Bloom, Coretta	12		1				0	0			0						2						
Dean, Paula	30		2				5	6			10						10	9					
Duckworth, Tesa	24		Name not in Newspaper																				
Forest, Augusta	31		5				2	2			0						12						
Hardy, Bertha	33		5				2	3			0						12						
Smallwood, Sandra	34	6	2	4	0	14																	
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper																					
Williams, Cindy	11	1	1	2	0	3																	
Adjustment		240		75						34	34		27										
Totals		240	32	75	0	0	17	23	0	44	44	0	27	0	0	0	81						
			FG%	42.7%			FT%	73.9%	Team Rebs														

The Pioneers who began the year with a home record of 5-0, ended the season with an 11-7 record and four losses in a row. Also, the team that was once 10-3, was now 16-16 going into a four-game road trip. These games would be on the 6th, 9th, 13th, and 15th. So, no return trips to San Francisco.

The Pioneers four-game losing streak coincided with the trade and arrival of Liz Silcott. As opposed to Liz's positive effect on the St. Louis Streak, the Pioneers and Liz were having trouble weaving their skills together. There were no disruptions or disturbances, just an inability to mesh. In fact, Liz made sure that she was consulting with Coach LaPorte throughout the game.

For the Pioneers, after the California Dreams folded and all the players were declared free agents, All-Star Nancy Dunkle chose to stay in California and she joined the Pioneers. She brought with her maturity and Olympic experience for the end of the season pressure. Nancy was also the anchor the Pioneers needed.

The Pioneer's first stop was in Milwaukee on Thursday, March 6th. 2,022 came out to the Milwaukee Arena to watch the (9-21) Does lock horns with the (16-16) Pioneers. San Francisco made sure they would stop their four-game losing streak by securing a 30-16 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers gave up four of those points to lead 48-38 at the half. The Does cut off one more point in the third quarter, but still trailed 69-60.

The 4th quarter ended up as a disaster for the Pioneers as they were outscored 34-17 to lose the game decisively, 94-86. The Pioneers scoring showed the change in personnel as Pat Mayo had 27, Anita Ortega added 16, and the newest Pioneers, Nancy Dunkle, had 14. Liz Silcott played in her last game as a Pioneer and scored 11 points.

For Milwaukee, Coach Julia Yeater, who took over for the ex-NBA Coach Larry Costello, evened her Milwaukee record at 4-4. Their 10-21 record was achieved through 22 points each by Ethel White and Heidi Nestor.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Dunkle, Nancy	35		7				0	0		6	6						14
Hansen, Barb	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		1				1	2		7	7						3
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		12				3	4			0						27
McKinney, Musiette	33		0				3	4			0						3
Ortega, Anita	11		5				6	11			0						16
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				0	1			0						8
Silcott, Liz	21		4				3	5			0						11
Ternyik, Jan	22		1				2	2		9	9						4
Adjustment		240		77						17	17		24	14	29		
Totals		240	34	77	0	0	18	29	0	39	39	0	24	14	29	0	86
			FG%	44.2%			FT%	62.1%	Team Rebs								

Milwaukee Does																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Chapman, Brenda	15	Name not in Newspaper															
Ellis, Cindy	25	Name not in Newspaper															
Gamble, Carolyn	8		5				1	4		8	8						11
Griffith, Denise	6		4				3	4		9	9						11
Kennedy, Peggy	44		1				0	0			0						2
Morales, Diane	22		2				2	2			0						6
Nestor, Heidi	28		8				6	7			0						22
Prevost, Deb	32		4				0	0			0						8
Smith, Joanie	1		0				4	5			0						4
Thomas, Lisa	24		3				2	2			0						8
White, Ethel	30		7				8	13			0						22
Adjustment		240		72						22	22		18	15	25		
Totals		240	34	72	0	0	26	37	0	39	39	0	18	15	25	0	94
			FG%	47.2%			FT%	70.3%	Team Rebs								

Sunday March 9th found the Pioneers at the Convention Center in Dallas, Texas, along with 943 fans. They were about to take on the (7-27) Dallas Diamonds, who were in the midst of a 10-game losing streak. The Diamonds' last victory, on February 5th, was probably a fluke as they beat the visiting New York Stars, 115-100.

With Liz Silcott not playing, and we don't know if she was even travelling with the team, the Pioneers tried a new tactic. They decided to see how quickly they could get blown out as they fell behind 34-18 and 57-36. Coach Frank LaPorte's half time speech was obviously better than Dallas Coach Ray Scott's speech as the Pioneers cut 15 points off the lead. The Pioneers went into the 4th quarter trailing 71-65. They made up the difference and then stalled out to have a 95-95 tie after regulation.

Even though this was the last game of the season for Dallas Diamonds they refused to pack it in and go home. After a five-minute overtime, the score was still tied at 101. The Pioneers who were playing their fourth overtime and second double-overtime game finally prevailed 113-105.

The Pioneers got back to .500 with a 17-17 record behind the scoring of Anita Ortega. She had 29 points, eight assists, and six steals in 57 minutes. Nancy Dunkle had 23 points and nine rebounds in 36 minutes. Carrying the load of minutes played were Debbie Ricketts, who never left the game, with 58 minutes, and Jan Ternyik who played 48 minutes.

All-Star and future All-Pro Alfredda Abernathy came through with 27 points and 18 rebounds, which were close to her season average (27.0 ppg & 14.3 rpg). Cindy Bruton had 22 points and 16 rebounds, before she fouled out. Also ex-Washington Metro, Cathy Shoemaker, had 18 points.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Dunkle, Nancy	35	36	9	13			5	8	2	7	9	1	3	0	4	0	23	0.833
Hansen, Barbara	42	7	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Hansen, Kim	32	30	6	14			6	13	2	8	10	0	5	1	1	0	18	0.933
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	7	0	1			0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.286
Mayo, Pat	13	27	5	10			4	6	3	3	6	4	6	4	2	0	14	1.111
McKinney, Musiette	33	20	4	11			4	4	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	0	12	0.700
Ortega, Anita	11	57	12	21			5	7	2	3	5	8	2	6	6	0	29	0.877
Ricketts, Debbie	8	58	2	5			3	4	0	2	2	4	3	0	4	0	7	0.224
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22	48	2	4			6	11	3	3	6	5	6	2	1	0	10	0.563
Totals		290	40	79	0	0	33	53	14	29	43	23	27	13	21	0	113	0.669
			FG%	50.6%			FT%	62.3%	Team Rebs		14							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	48	9	23			9	16	10	8	18	1	4	2	2	0	27	0.979
Baker, Janice	12	30	1	6			4	6	0	3	3	0	3	1	1	0	6	0.300
Bruton, Cindy	20	51	9	13			4	6	9	7	16	1	6	3	3	0	22	0.784
Bush-Roddy, Carolyn	40	30	3	7			2	2	1	0	1	2	5	1	0	0	8	0.467
Earnhardt, Christy	42	24	2	8			0	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	4	0.208
Goodwin, Valerie	22	27	1	8			2	2	0	1	1	1	3	2	3	0	4	0.222
John, Jeriann	44	46	5	14			4	4	2	5	7	1	6	2	4	0	14	0.457
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	30	8	14			2	3	2	1	3	1	5	0	3	0	18	0.667
Stewart, Debbie	33	4	1	1			0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.250
Totals		290	39	94	0	0	27	39	25	27	52	8	36	12	18	0	105	0.576
			FG%	41.5%			FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs		12							

With only two regular season games remaining the Pioneers were trying to become a team again, because Cardie Hicks had been working out. Her damaged leg was better and she was practicing. Yet with the addition of Nancy Dunkle and an uncertainty with Liz Silcott, Cardie needed to figure out what was her role was with this "new" team.

The Pioneers next to last stop of the regular season was in New Orleans and Tulane University. The (21-12) Pride and 2,453 fans (nearly double the team's average) greeted the (17-17) Pioneers on Thursday March 13th. For the first time since December Cardie Hicks was a part of the regular rotation. She played 28 minutes in her first game back.

The Pride took a slim 26-24 1st quarter lead which became 49-42 at the half. The Pioneers couldn't get their rhythm as they fell behind 80-57. Even though the Pioneers overcame a 21-point difference against Dallas, they had two quarters to make up the difference. This time the Pioneers outscored the Pride 37-24 and cut the margin to 10. This meant the final score was 104-94, and the Pioneers were now 17-18.

The Pioneers were led by Cardie Hicks, who had 21 points and four assists. Five others scored in double figures, with Nancy Dunkle also pulling down 11 rebounds. For the home team Pride Augusta Forest had 22, and Bertha Hardy chipped in with 20 points and 10 rebounds. All-Star Sandra Smallwood had 15, before she fouled out.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Dunkle, Nancy	35	24	4	10			2	3		11	11	2	5				10	1.042
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32	34	2	5			0	0		9	9	5	5				4	0.676
Hicks, Cardie	10	28	10	23			1	1		2	2	4	3	3			21	1.214
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Mayo, Pat	13	44	4	6			4	7		8	8	2	5				12	0.545
McKinney, Musiette	33	33	5	7			7	9		4	4	3	4				17	0.818
Ortega, Anita	11	36	5	12			3	10		3	3	6	3				13	0.778
Ricketts, Debbie	8	34	2	5	1	1	0	0		0	0	4	2				7	0.441
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22	16	5	6			0	0		1	1	0	4				10	0.688
Adjustment		-10												8				
Totals		240	37	74	1	1	17	30	0	38	38	26	31	11	0	0	94	0.813
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	56.7%		Team Rebs								
Special Notes:																		
Extra mins probably Mayo who had 5 fouls so probably didn't play 44 mins																		

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Anderson, Katrina	22	Name not in Newspaper																
Ard, Wanda	15	12	4	6			3	4		2	2	0	0	4			11	1.417
Blalock, Sybil	10	37	4	10			6	6		5	5	8	2				14	0.946
Bloom, Coretta	12	21	3	5			0	2		4	4	0	4				6	0.476
Dean, Paula	30	30	2	5			4	8		6	6	3	2				8	0.667
Duckworth, Tesa	24	7	0	0			0	0		0	0	4	0				0	1.143
Forest, Augusta	31	41	6	10			10	14		5	5	6	4				22	0.951
Hardy, Bertha	33	45	7	9			6	9		10	10	4	5				20	0.844
Smallwood, Sandra	34	29	6	14			3	6		3	3	4	6				15	0.897
Swilley, Kathy	5	Name not in Newspaper																
Williams, Cindy	11	18	2	4			4	4		3	3	0	1				8	0.611
Adjustment														12				
Totals		240	34	63	0	0	36	53	0	38	38	29	24	16	0	0	104	0.900
			FG%	54.0%			FT%	67.9%		Team Rebs								

Fortunately, for the Pioneers, with the playoff system having been changed so that the top two teams from each division qualified they pretty much were guaranteed their spot when the Dreams went down.

The Pioneers final regular season game was in Houston, on Autry Court, against the (19-13) first place Angels. With all the teams' records in order, with only one more day on the docket, the Pioneers and Angels knew they were going to face each other in the first round.

To date Houston had a 2-1 game advantage over the Pioneers, though this had no implications at all. The Saturday crowd of 1,458 was almost double the previous Angel high at Autry Court (750). It was also their 2nd highest crowd of the year. The defending champion Angels were trying to overcome their earlier team issues and position themselves to defend their title.

Houston took an early 28-26 1st quarter lead, which expanded to 49-42 at the half, with the Pioneers Cardie Hicks only being able to contribute two points. The Angels' seven-point lead became nine at one point, before the Pioneers cut the lead to five. They entered the 4th quarter trailing 75-70. Yet in the 4th quarter the Pioneers overcame a large free throw discrepancy (19-26 73% vs Houston's 38 of 50 76%) and took a five-point lead with 4:00 left. But the Angels came back to take the lead, but by allowing the Pioneers to shoot 55% for the game they were outscored in the end for a 101-94 victory.

As usual Anita Ortega's 31 points and 9 rebounds led the way. Cardie Hicks continued her recovery with an 18-point, 5 assists performance. Jan TERNYK continued to play a major role with 12 points and 7 rebounds, before she fouled out. For the year the Pioneers evened their record to 18-18, which meant no sub .500 teams made the playoffs.

For the Western Division champion Angels Vicky Chapman led the way with 20 points, while Paula Mayo had 16. Ex-California Dreams player Linda Matthews also had 16.

Personally, Linda was having a very difficult year. She was the best player on the Philadelphia Fox and then in December the Fox disbanded. Linda was then the 2nd player chosen in the dispersal draft and she was a part of the California Dreams. She went from Coast to Coast. Then as the season drew to a close, the Dreams disbanded. Two teams, two crashes. So, onto Houston, which was close to collapse in January. But instead, Linda was now a part of a playoff team.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Dunkle, Nancy	35		5				1	2			0					1	11	
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		2				0	0			0						4	
Hicks, Cardie	10		8				2	2			0	5		3		3	18	
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		3				5	6			0					2	11	
McKinney, Musiette	33		2				2	4			0						6	
Ortega, Anita	11		12				7	9		9	9						31	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		4				0	0			0	5					8	
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22		5				2	3		7	7		6				12	
Adjustment		240		75						29	29	12	29	5	16			
Totals		240	41	75	0	0	19	26	0	45	45	22	35	8	16	6	101	
			FG%	54.7%			FT%	73.1%	Team Rebs									

Houston Angels																	Team Gc
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		0				6	7			0	4					6
Candler, Belinda	24		1				8	12			0			6			10
Chapman, Vicky	22		5				10	12			0						20
Durham, Gwen	3	Name not in Newspaper															
Johnson, Pat	45		2				3	4			0					2	7
Jones, Belinda	23		4				1	1			0						9
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		0				2	2			0						2
Matthews, Linda	33		6				4	6			0					1	16
Mayo, Paula	10		7				2	4		10	10						16
Washington, Cynthia	15		3				2	2			0						8
Adjustment		240		83						31	31	11	28	7	14		
Totals		240	28	83	0	0	38	50	0	41	41	15	28	13	14	3	94
			FG%	33.7%			FT%	76.0%	Team Rebs								

The final WBL Standings for the 2nd season were as follows:

EAST

New York	28	7	.800	---	Iowa	24	12	.667	---	Houston	19	14	.576	---
New Orleans	22	13	.629	6.0	Minnesota	22	12	.647	1.0	San Fran.	18	18	.500	2.5
New Jersey	19	17	.528	9.5	Chicago	17	19	.472	7.0	Dallas	7	28	.200	13.0
St. Louis	15	21	.517	13.5	Milwaukee	10	24	.294	13.0					
Washington	3	7	.300	*						California	11	17	.393	5.5*
Philadelphia	2	8	.200	*	*Disbanded									

MIDWEST

WEST

Of special note both the St. Louis Streak and the Dallas Diamonds ended the season with 11-game losing streaks. The Silcott led Streak were 14-5 .737, and without Liz they were 1-16 .059. The New Jersey Gems were 18-11 .621 against all WBL teams not named New York. They were 1-6 .167 against the Stars.

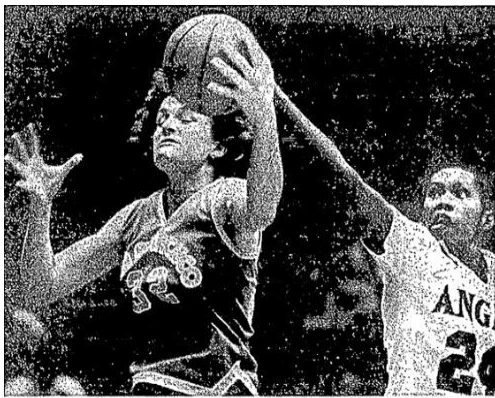
The Pioneers regular season stats were as follows:

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FGA	FTM	FTA	FT %	Of Rb	Df Rb	Tot Rb	Reb Avg	Ast	Ast Avg	PF	Stl	TO	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Booker, Gerry	35	18	195	10.83	21	72	0.292			22	28	0.786	36	52	88	4.89	12	0.67	35	9	27	3	64	3.56	0.810
Brewer, Lisa	9	9	170	18.89	13	37	0.351			4	4	1.000	6	16	22	2.44	12	1.33	10	12	18		30	3.33	0.412
Dunkle, Nancy	40	4	116	29.00	25	40	0.625			8	13	0.615	5	27	32	8.00	4	1.00	16	2	8	2	58	14.50	0.793
Foley, Bonnie	14	5	14	2.80	1	4	0.250			1	1	1.000	0	2	2	0.40	0	0.00	7	0	2	1	3	0.60	0.214
Franklin, Connie	21	3	11	3.67	1	4	0.250			2	2	1.000	0	1	1	0.33	0	0.00	1	1	2		4	1.33	0.364
Grant, Joslyn	9	2	7	3.50	1	3	0.333			0	0	0.000	0	1	1	0.50	0	0.00	1	0	1		2	1.00	0.286
Hansen, Barb.	42	11	37	3.36	2	9	0.222			8	12	0.667	3	4	7	0.64	2	0.18	7	0	2	2	12	1.09	0.568
Hansen, Kim	32	36	1,130	31.39	145	290	0.500			88	161	0.547	135	248	383	10.64	61	1.69	158	34	73	35	378	10.50	0.747
Hicks, Cardie	10	10	300	30.00	89	192	0.464			13	20	0.650	13	34	47	4.70	26	2.60	44	26	22	12	191	19.10	0.980
Johnson, Anna	25	2	5	2.50	0	2	0.000			0	0	0.000	0	1	1	0.50	0	0.00	0	1	0		0	0.00	0.400
Martin, Brenda	45	17	175	10.29	22	77	0.286			15	30	0.500	17	29	46	2.71	7	0.41	31	3	21	4	59	3.47	0.577
Martin, Pam	12	17	103	6.06	3	16	0.188			10	13	0.769	2	2	4	0.24	7	0.41	16	4	15	2	16	0.94	0.223
Mayo, Pat	13	36	1,410	39.17	209	416	0.502	0	2	149	213	0.700	119	208	327	9.08	91	2.53	150	119	100	8	567	15.75	0.777
McKinney, Musiette	33	36	1,240	34.44	182	485	0.375	4	22	201	288	0.698	57	144	201	5.58	128	3.56	110	57	111	5	569	15.81	0.784
Ortega, Anita	11	36	1,540	42.78	310	776	0.399	0	6	247	349	0.708	114	116	230	6.39	187	5.19	124	91	196	14	867	24.08	0.887
Ricketts, Debbie	8	36	1,415	39.31	116	298	0.389	2	11	22	36	0.611	23	70	93	2.58	134	3.72	136	69	103	6	256	7.11	0.412
Silcott, Liz	21	5	140	28.00	36	74	0.486			25	42	0.595	6	6	12	2.40	14	2.80	22	7	23		97	19.40	0.864
Stith, Lynne		2	7	3.50	0	1	0.000			0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2	3		0	0.00	-0.143
Ternyik, Jan	22	36	750	20.83	84	189	0.444			85	124	0.685	79	112	191	5.31	35	0.97	119	23	65	11	253	7.03	0.629
Totals		36	8,765		1,260	2,985	0.422	6	41	900	1,336	0.674	615	1,073	1,688	46.89	720	20.00	987	460	792	105	3,426	95.17	0.710

PLAYOFF SEASON

It was very convenient for the Pioneers, because their first playoff game was going to be on the road, in Houston. Therefore, since they were already there, Sunday March 16th was a preparation day. After a great comeback and convincing win over the Angels in Houston, the Pioneers didn't feel the needed to make any big adjustments.

The first playoff game would be on Monday March 17th, and a loyal crowd of 789 came out to Rice's Autry Court. There was no playoff fever in Houston, this was about average for the Angels.



Pioneer rebound in Angel win

The Angels' Belinda Candler (21) is beaten to the rebound by San Francisco's Kim Hansen (32) during action in Women's Professional Basketball

League playoff game at Autry Court Monday. The Angels won, 99-75, in the first of the best-of-three series. See story, Page 3.

The Pioneers took control at 10-0 before the Angels could get untracked and eventually took an early 22-21 lead. The Angels increased their lead to 40-37 behind great defense by Pat Johnson on Anita Ortega. Anita's eight points at the half were all she would score for the game. For the Angels Vicky Chapman, who was averaging 13.7 during the season not only was she shut out in the first half, she got shut out in the 2nd half as well.

With familiarity between the teams, it was hard to make adjustments, but it was obvious the Angels were focusing on shutting

down Anita Ortega. In the 3rd quarter the Pioneers opened up with four straight turnovers, which were a part of the 31 they had for the game. The Angels 29-18 3rd quarter led to a 69-55 Pioneer deficit. As opposed to last Saturday, the Pioneers could never get completely back in the game. In the first three minutes they outscored Houston 8-2 to get within 71-63, but that was all they could muster as they lost 90-75. To continue their season the Pioneers would need to win the next two games.



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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Dunkle, Nancy	35		3				0	0			0						6
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper															
Hansen, Kim	32		2				0	0			0						4
Hicks, Cardie	10		11				2	2			0			3			24
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper															
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Pat	13		2				8	12		11	11		6				12
McKinney, Musiette	33		4				7	10			0				5		15
Ortega, Anita	11		3				2	2			0				10		8
Ricketts, Debbie	8		0				1	2			0			2			1
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper															
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				1	2			0						5
Adjustment		240		61						33	33		23	3	16		
Totals		240	27	61	0	0	21	30	0	44	44	0	29	8	31	0	75
			FG%	44.3%			FT%	70.0%	Team Rebs		4						

Houston Angels																	Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11		1				7	8			0			3			9
Candler, Belinda	24		7				7	11			0						21
Chapman, Vicky	22		0				0	4			0						0
Durham, Gwen	3	Name not in Newspaper															
Johnson, Pat	45		3				3	4			0						9
Jones, Belinda	23		5				2	3			0			3	3		12
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		0				1	2			0						1
Matthews, Linda	33		4				3	4			0				3		11
Mayo, Paula	10		10				0	0		17	17			5			20
Stewart, Lucy Harris			1				1	3			0			3			3
Washington, Cynthia	15		2				0	0			0						4
Adjustment		240		79						26	26		22	2	11		
Totals		240	33	79	0	0	24	39	0	43	43	0	22	16	17	0	90
			FG%	41.8%			FT%	61.5%	Team Rebs		0						

The high scorer for the Pioneers was Cardie Hicks with 24 points, while Musiette McKinney had 15. The Angels accomplished their Ortega goal as she was held to eight points, while committing 10 turnovers. The influential newcomer, Nancy Dunkle, was also held to six points. For Houston, the All-Stars, Belinda Candler and Paula Mayo had 21 and 20 points respectively. Paula also pulled down 17 rebounds.

Though not a scoring threat, but making her presence known was Lusia Harris-Stewart. Lusia was the Lew Alcindor/Kareem Abdul-Jabbar equivalent for women's basketball in the 1970's. At 6'3" she was the force who led tiny Delta State to three college national championships. Unfortunately, for the Angels, she was still 40 pounds overweight from the birth of her first child. Lusia was working hard to get in shape and create the impact the Angels needed.

With the season concluded and with no need to be a part of the playoff rotation, the Pioneers waived Brenda Martin on March 18th.

The next day, Tuesday March 18th, in the other playoff series, the (22-13) New Orleans Pride stole home court advantage from the (22-12) Minnesota Filles, 96-92.

As the WBL was always seeking opportunities to showcase their talents a special two-game series with WBL All-Stars playing the Olympic team on April 19th in Chicago and April 21st in New York was announced nationally.

The WBL representatives would be: Ann Meyers (N.J.), Sharon Farrah (N.Y.), Molly Bolin (Iowa), Sybil Blalock (N.O.), Marie Kocurek (Minn), Alfreda Abernathy (Dallas), Heidi Nestor (Milw), Paula Mayo (Hous), Adrian Mitchell (St.L), Charlene McWhorter (Chic), and Pat Mayo (S.F.) Two players named as alternates were: Rita Easterling (Chic) and Pearl Moore (N.Y).

The Pioneers-Angels series went back to Civic Auditorium for a Thursday March 20th meeting. Recognition of the Pioneers' playoff participation took place as 2,053 fans came out to support their team.

Just as it had been in the first game the teams fought to a 21-20 Pioneers 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers tightened their defense as they held the Angels to 14, while scoring 22 for a 43-34 lead. The nine-point lead increased to 13 as the Pioneers went into the 4th quarter leading 69-56. The Pioneer lead got as high as 17 (74-57), before the Angels' press cut the lead to 78-73 with 4:50 remaining. The 19 missed free throws by the Angels didn't help as the Pioneers evened the series with their 93-82 victory. Two games and neither of them were close.

The Pioneers got back on track with five players in double figures including Ortega's 18 and Dunkle's 17. Pat Mayo continued her work on the boards with 11 rebounds, to go along with

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Dunkle, Nancy	35		8				1	2		10	10							17
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		2				2	3			0							6
Hicks, Cardie	10		6				1	2			0							13
Martin, Brenda	45	Name not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		3				8	9		11	11	8						14
McKinney, Musiette	33		5				3	6			0							13
Ortega, Anita	11		6				6	7			0							18
Ricketts, Debbie	8		2				1	2			0							5
Silcott, Liz	21	Name not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22		2				3	5			0							7
Adjustment		240		68						28			33					
Totals		240	34	68	0	0	25	36	0	49	21	8	33	0	0	0	93	
			FG%	50.0%			FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs									

eight assists, and 14 points.

The Angels' Paula Mayo came through with 25 points, 10 rebounds, and four steals, before fouling out. Belinda Jones was the only other player with double digits. Vicky Chapman continued to struggle as she scored only five this game, after scoring 0 in the last game.

On March 21st, in the other playoff series, the Minnesota Fillies took the New Orleans Pride to overtime and came through with a 97-93 victory. Now both series were tied at 1-1.



Editor: In the Oakland Tribune a printout of the final stats for the Pioneers in 1979-1980 was published. The only trouble for any future historians that believe this information was accurate, the following players stats were missing: Gerry Booker, Lisa Brewer, Bonnie Foley, Connie Franklin, Joslyn Grant, Anna Johnson, and Lynne Stith. Each of these players deserve recognition as well – that is why this narrative was created.

The Pioneers and Angels returned to Autry Court for the winner-take-all 1st round showdown on March 22nd. The Saturday evening crowd of 1,062 gave the Angels only a slight advantage. The Angels dominated early as they took a 21-11 lead with :45 left on the clock. But two Paula Mayo fouls, four free throws and a McKinney steal and layup made the score 21-17 after one quarter. The theme of the game would be Angel leads and Pioneers come backs.

The Angels took control again as they had a 44-33 lead behind Belinda Candler’s 13 points with 2:23 left in the half. The Pioneers then went on a 12-0 run to take a 45-44 lead with :34 left. An Angel basket at the end of the half gave them a 47-46 lead.

For the game the Angels had a 10-point 1st quarter lead, an 11-point 2nd quarter lead, and a 12-point 3rd quarter lead, as they ended the quarter up 73-61.

The 4th quarter was a whole different ball game. Nancy Dunkle who had been shut out through three quarters, scored all 13 of her points in the 4th quarter. In the first 11 minutes of the quarter the Pioneers went on a 32-20 run. With 1:03 left Pat Mayo made one of three free throws for a 94-93 lead, which they held onto through the end. A Linda Matthews 3-pointer at the end bounced off the rim and ended the Angels season. The pressing defensive-minded Angels gave up 37 4th quarter points in their 98-95 loss. The Angels’ 31 turnovers played a major role in this shocking loss by the defending champions.

Again, a balanced attack by the Pioneers had five players in double figures. Pat Mayo and Anita Ortega had 19 each, while Jan Ternyik added 16, before fouling out.

Houston Angels																		Team G			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts				
Auhlenbacher, Karen	11	Name not in Newspaper	1				0	0			0							2			
Candler, Belinda	24		2				5	10			0							9			
Chapman, Vicky	22		2				1	3			0							5			
Durham, Gwen	3																				
Johnson, Pat	45		2				3	3			0							7			
Jones, Belinda	23		8				1	3			0							17			
Kenlaw, Jessie	40		0				1	1			0							1			
Matthews, Linda	33		3				2	5			0							8			
Mayo, Paula	10		10				5	8			10							10	6	4	25
Stewart, Lusia Harris			0				0	0			0							0			0
Washington, Cynthia	15	2					4	7			0						8				
Adjustment		240		75				1		28			27		28						
Totals		240	30	75	0	0	22	41	0	38	10	0	33	4	28	0		82			
			FG%	40.0%			FT%	53.7%	Team Rebs												

		Houston Angels																		Team Game #	
Opp	Team	Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
S.F.	Hous	Auhlenbacher, Karen	11	35	3	8			5	7		0	0	3	2		8		11	0.257	
S.F.	Hous	Candler, Belinda	24	41	9	12			8	9		5	5	2	3	3	4		26	0.829	
S.F.	Hous	Chapman, Vicky	22	43	5	11			7	8		7	7	4	6		4		17	0.651	
S.F.	Hous	Durham, Gwen	3	Name not in Newspaper																	
S.F.	Hous	Johnson, Pat	45	11	0	0						2	2	1	4		4		0	0.000	
S.F.	Hous	Jones, Belinda	23	43	4	10			8	11		10	10	3	3	3	5		16	0.698	
S.F.	Hous	Kenlaw, Jessie	40	7	0	0						1	1	1	1	1			0	0.571	
S.F.	Hous	Matthews, Linda	33	9	0	4		1	1	2		1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	0.222	
S.F.	Hous	Mayo, Paula	10	35	8	11			2	2		11	11	1	5	1	1		18	0.886	
S.F.	Hous	Stewart, Lusia Harris		7	1	2			2	4		3	3	0	4	1			4	1.143	
S.F.	Hous	Washington, Cynthia	15	9	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2		2	0.222	
S.F.	Hous	Adjustment																			
S.F.	Hous	Totals		240	31	59	0	1	33	43	0	40	40	16	30	12	31	1	95	0.617	
					FG%	52.5%			FT%	76.7%	Team Rebs	N/A									

For the Angels, in what would be their last game of their existence based on future circumstances, Belinda Candler led the team with 26 points. Paula Mayo added 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Vicky Chapman contributed 17 points, before she fouled out.

The first icon of women's basketball, Lusia Harris-Stewart played seven minutes where she scored four points, had three rebounds and a steal for a 1.143 Efficiency Rating. Slowly she was getting her offense back in shape, but the four fouls in seven minutes showed where her current state of agility stood.

The 2nd round of the playoffs were set when on Sunday March 23rd the Minnesota Fillies and the New Orleans Pride met at Tulane University in Louisiana.

In a strange turn of events the Minnesota Fillies, who had the better record and should have hosted game three of the playoffs, did not host the 3rd game. In an end of the season deal, the Pride agreed to make a special trip to Minnesota to give the Fillies a 34th game, because they were fighting the Iowa Cornets for a first-round bye. The "payment" for traveling to Minnesota was New Orleans receiving the third game of a playoff series with Minnesota, if it went that far.

The Minnesota Fillies won game three 97-91, in a series where none of the home teams won a game. Therefore, the Fillies would be taking on the Iowa Cornets. The Cornets won the regular season 3-2 by outscoring the Fillies 513-469.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Dunkle, Nancy	35	20	4	7			5	5		4	4	0	6		3	1	13	0.700	
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name Not in Newspaper																	
Hansen, Kim	32	26	2	4			1	2		8	8	3	5		3			5	0.615
Hicks, Cardie	10	29	4	12			1	3		2	2	2	4	2	2			9	0.517
Martin, Brenda	45	Name Not in Newspaper																	
Martin, Pam	12	Name Not in Newspaper																	
Mayo, Pat	13	41	5	9			9	13		4	4	4	5	1	3			19	0.707
McKinney, Musiette	33	28	4	9			5	7		3	3	1	6		2			13	0.571
Ortega, Anita	11	43	8	17			3	4		3	3	1	4		3			19	0.488
Ricketts, Debbie	8	25	2	3			0	0		0	0	6	1					4	0.640
Silcott, Liz	21	Name Not in Newspaper																	
Ternyik, Jan	22	28	3	4			10	11	5	5	0	6	1	2			16	0.714	
Adjustment																			
Totals		240	32	65	0	0	34	45	0	29	29	17	37	4	18	1	98	0.613	
			FG%	49.2%			FT%	75.6%		Team Rebs									

In the next round of playoff games, the New York Stars would be hosting the only team that had a winning record against them, the San Francisco Pioneers. The Pioneers had two overtime victories and one defeat against New York.

With the WBL, travel expenses were always a major hurdle to overcome. Therefore, playoff scheduling was inconsistent. In the 1978-79 playoffs and 1980-81 playoffs, the first round was a 2 of 3 playoff with the lower ranked team hosting the first game and the higher ranked team getting the last two games.

In the 1979-80 playoffs first round it just so happened the teams that should have hosted the first games, were already in the city of their opponent. Therefore, the first round was completely different.

The second round of these playoffs was also a 2 of 3 series. The schedule therefore made no sense at all when it came to travel. The teams travelling the furthest should have played game one in San Francisco and two games in New York. Instead game one was in New York, which meant game two had to be in San Francisco and a game three would be back in New York.

The teams that were practically on top of each other and could afford to alternate had game one in Minnesota, with the next two in Iowa.

Game one of the 2nd round was played at an unfamiliar location for both Iowa and the home team Minnesota Fillies. On Thursday March 27 Minnesota beat Iowa 108-87 at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota, along with 1,000 fans.

After returning home from their March 22nd victory over Houston, the Pioneers travelled to New York. Yet the game was not played in Madison Square Garden, or the Felt Forum for whatever loyal fans the Stars had. No, the game was moved to Queens College. A location neither team had played at all year. Yet the 2,013 that showed up, proved this was the right move by the Stars.

In the minds of the Pioneers if there was any one team the Stars probably didn't want to face it was them. If the Pioneers could keep the game close, they felt like they would prevail. Also in a two of three series it doesn't take much to upset the best. The Pioneers also entered confident, after overcoming several double-digit deficits against Houston.

The Pioneers knew the Stars would have to get the upper hand quickly, so they had to be prepared. The Pioneers fell behind 29-22 and 57-45 by the half. The Stars lead hit 17 at its highest, before the Pioneers fought back to make it 73-70 after three quarters. The Stars slowly built another lead which reached 96-83 with 4:10 remaining. By game's end the Pioneers were defeated 104-97.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Dunkle, Nancy	35		6				1	2		7	7					1	13	
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name Not in Newspaper																
Hansen, Kim	32		3				6	7			0			1			12	
Hicks, Cardie	10		7				1	1			0					1	15	
Martin, Brenda	45	Name Not in Newspaper																
Martin, Pam	12	Name Not in Newspaper																
Mayo, Pat	13		3				4	4			0			4			10	
McKinney, Musiette	33		6				4	4			0			3		1	16	
Ortega, Anita	11		6				6	9		13	13	9		2		1	18	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		1				0	0			0			1			2	
Silcott, Liz	21	Name Not in Newspaper																
Ternyik, Jan	22		4				3	6			0			4			11	
Adjustment		240		73		0				19	19	10	19		34			
Totals		240	36	73	0	0	25	33	0	39	39	19	19	15	34	4	97	
			FG%	49.3%			FT%	75.8%	Team Rebs									

New York Stars																		Team Ge
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Bender, Evelyn	35		0				2	2			0						2	
Bucklew, Patti			1				0	0			0						2	
Craig, Denise	13		6				4	4			0			6			16	
Farrah, Sharon	11		8				3	4			0						19	
Gwyn, Althea	31		4				2	2		10	10					3	10	
Marquis, Gail	6		7				2	2		9	9						16	
Moore, Pearl	12		4				2	3			0						10	
Rhodes, Stacy			0				0	0			0						0	
Smith, Karen	24		3				0	0			0						6	
Tatterson, Gail	33		1				2	2			0						4	
Thomas, Janice	10		9				1	2			0	9		3			19	
Adjustment		240		78		0				22	22	8	28	10	27			
Totals		240	43	78	0	0	18	21	0	41	41	17	28	19	27	3	104	
			FG%	55.1%			FT%	85.7%	Team Rebs									

Yet for the winning Stars the day was not over. Coach Meminger brought the team into a Queens College classroom to lecture the team on "How to Break a Press." The Pioneers comeback from 17 down was because of poor choices by the Stars and Meminger wanted to teach while the team was still aware of their faults.

The Pioneers again showed their team balance as they had seven players with double figures. Anita Ortega was 1 assist shy of a Playoff Triple Double as she had 9 assists, 13 rebounds, and 18 points. Musiette McKinney scored, 16, Cardie Hicks 15, Nancy Dunkle 13, Kim Hansen 12, Jan Ternyik 11, and Pat Mayo 10.

The New York Stars also displayed balance with six players in double figures, led by Sharon Farrah and Janice Thomas with 19 points apiece. Denise Craig and Gail Marquis both had 16 points. Janice Thomas passed out nine assists, while Althea Gwyn had 10 rebounds.

With the need to travel to San Francisco the league scheduled the next game for Tuesday April 1st. The three-day break allowed the Pioneers to get the publicity out for their next game.

Meanwhile the other series concluded during this long break. On Saturday March 29 the Minnesota Fillies invaded Coe College in Cedar Rapids hoping to close out the Iowa Cornets. Coe College, like Williams Arena, was another venue that neither team had played in all year. A crowd of 2,114 watched as the Cornets evened the series at 1-1 behind a 50-point explosion by Molly Bolin. The 128-111 victory set up for a great third game. The 128 points were a WBL playoff record.



Two days later, Monday March 31st, saw only 1,845 file into the Coe College arena to see who would go to the WBL Finals. Minnesota held Molly Bolin to just 25 points, but that was enough for Iowa to come through with a 95-92 win. So, for the 2nd time in two years the Iowa Cornets would be playing in the Finals. They just had to wait for the end of the San Francisco/New York series to see who their opponent was.

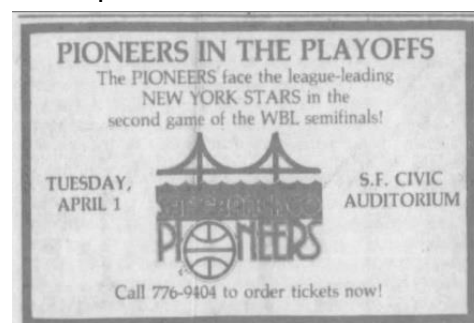


The San Francisco Examiner did an article that showed how well the Pioneers had established themselves in the Bay area. In an area that barely recognizes established organizations. The Pioneers no longer had to identify themselves. When a person said Warriors, 49ers, or Pioneers you knew exactly who they were talking about. The growth of several different fan bases was also encouraging to the Pioneers management, led by owner Marshall Geller. The article headline: *Pioneers Become Part of the Establishment* said it all.

On Tuesday April 1st San Francisco's largest crowd, 3,281, came into the 8,500 seat Civic Auditorium to see if the Pioneers could even their series.

The Stars took an early 25-22 1st quarter lead, which stayed at three points when the half time score was 43-40. New York added to their lead with a 26-23 3rd quarter to make the score 69-63. The Stars felt like they were in control and ready for the next round as they led 87-77 with 2:56 left.

After a time-out the Pioneer pressed and outscored the Stars 9-3 to trail 90-86. With 16 seconds left Cardie Hicks hit a 16-foot jumper to make it 90-88. The Pioneers resorted to fouling and they picked the right person. Althea Gwyn made only one of her five free throws in the game's ending seconds. Trailing 91-88, a Cardie Hicks 3-point shot missed and was rebounded by Pat Mayo. With no time on the clock Pat closed out the Pioneers first season by making both free throws concluding in a 91-90 Stars win. The Stars would move onto the championship series, while the Pioneers had to be satisfied with all they accomplished in the 1979-1980 season.



For the Pioneers there was no one to blame for this loss, other than the 33 team turnovers. The team shot 85% from the free throw line (22-26) and they also had 32 assists on 34 made baskets. For the last time of the season Anita Ortega led the team with 19 points and nine assists. Cardie Hicks' 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists were complemented by

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Dunkle, Nancy	35	32	4	11			0	0		12	12	8	4			3	8	1.125
Hansen, Barbara	42	Name Not in Newspapers																
Hansen, Kim	32	16	2	2			2	2		2	2	0	3				6	0.500
Hicks, Cardie	10	38	7	24		1	4	4		7	7	4	3				18	0.868
Martin, Pam	12	Name Not in Newspapers																
Mayo, Pat	13	43	4	6			6	8		12	12	1	5				14	0.651
McKinney, Musiette	33	28	6	11			4	4		4	4	8	6				16	1.286
Ortega, Anita	11	33	7	13			5	6		5	5	9	4		9		19	1.000
Ricketts, Debbie	8	34	3	6			0	0		6	6	2	2	3			6	0.559
Silcott, Liz	21	Name Not in Newspapers																
Ternyik, Jan	22	11	1	1			1	2		5	5	0	2				3	0.727
Adjustment		5												5	24	1		
Totals		240	34	74	0	1	22	26	0	53	53	32	29	8	33	4	90	0.758
			FG%	45.9%			FT%	84.6%	Team Rebs									

New York Stars																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bender, Evelyn	35	9	2	2			0	0		0	0	1	4				4	0.667
Bucklew, Patti		2	1	2			0	0		1	1	0	3				2	1.500
Craig, Denise	13	33	6	15			3	3		4	4	2	5	5		1	15	0.848
Farrah, Sharon	11	34	4	16			3	4		3	3	1	3				11	0.471
Gwyn, Althea	31	28	0	1			3	11		12	12	0	1				3	0.536
Marquis, Gail	6	34	10	17			3	3		13	13	1	3				23	1.118
Moore, Pearl	12	26	8	15			2	8		2	2	3	2				18	1.000
Rhoades, Stacy		1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Smith, Karen	24	22	1	4			0	0		4	4	0	4				2	0.273
Tatterson, Gail	33	17	2	3			1	2		4	4	0	2				5	0.529
Thomas, Janice	10	34	3	9			2	4		4	4	2	3		6		8	0.294
Adjustment														8	19			
Totals		240	37	84	0	0	17	35	0	47	47	10	30	13	25	1	91	0.608
			FG%	44.0%			FT%	48.6%	Team Rebs									



Musiette McKinney's 16 points and eight assists. Nancy Dunkle pulled down 12 rebounds, as did Pat Mayo who was voted by the San Francisco fans as the team's Most Valuable Player.

For the Stars Gail Marquis's 23 points and 13 rebounds were an addition to Pearl Moore's 18 points. If the Stars had lost you only had to look at two-time All-Star Althea Gwyn's free throws. She shot 3 of 11 from the line, while the team as a whole shot 17 of 35 (49%). But who cares, the team won and now they must continue to pursue their championship.

1979 - 80	Team	Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FGA	FTM	FTA	FT %	Off Reb	Def Reb	Tot Reb	Reb Avg	Asst	Asst Avg	PF	PF Avg	Stl	TO	TO Avg	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Dunkle, Nancy	40	5	145	29.00	25	45	0.556			7	9	0.778	11	27	38	7.60	6	1.20	18	3.6	1	21	4.20	6	57	11.40	0.600
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Hansen, Kim	32	5	96	19.20	11	14	0.786			11	14	0.786	10	15	25	5.00	6	1.20	17	3.4	3	13	2.60	0	33	6.60	0.625
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Hicks, Cardie	10	5	151	30.20	35	83	0.422	0	1	9	12	0.750	7	14	21	4.20	14	2.80	19	3.8	5	16	3.20	2	79	15.80	0.775
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Mayo, Pat	13	5	200	40.00	17	41	0.415			35	46	0.761	8	35	43	8.60	18	3.60	27	5.4	9	15	3.00	1	69	13.80	0.710
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	McKinney, Musiette	33	5	146	29.20	25	45	0.556	0	5	23	31	0.742	5	15	20	4.00	12	2.40	24	4.8	4	18	3.60	2	73	14.60	0.705
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Ortega, Anita	11	5	213	42.60	30	72	0.417	0	1	22	28	0.786	11	15	26	5.20	26	5.20	15	3.0	5	36	7.20	1	82	16.40	0.606
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Ricketts, Debbie	8	5	141	28.20	8	20	0.400			2	4	0.500	3	10	13	2.60	12	2.40	10	2.0	6	11	2.20	0	18	3.60	0.355
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers	Ternyik, Jan	22	5	108	21.60	12	22	0.545			18	26	0.692	8	20	28	5.60	4	0.80	16	3.2	5	14	2.80	1	42	8.40	0.639
79 - 80	San Francisco Pioneers		5		1,200		163	342	0.477	-	7	127	170	0.747	63	151	214	42.80	98	19.60	146	29.20	38	144	28.80	13	453	90.60	0.631



Back row: Marshall Geller, Nancy Dunkle, Kim Hansen, Barb Hansen, Jan Ternyik, Pat Mayo, Gary Yoder
Front row: Frank LaPorte, Anita Ortega, Musiette McKinney, Pam Martin, Debbie Ricketts, Cardie Hicks

As a conclusion to the 1979-1980 season the WBL announced the 15 players selected as All-Pros.

The best of the best were:

Alfreda Abernathy	(Dal)	Paula Mayo	(Hous)
Molly Bolin	(Iowa)	Ann Meyers	(N.J.)
Doris Draving	(Iowa)	Charlene McWhorter	(Chic)
Rita Easterling	(Chic)	Adrian Mitchell	(St. L)
Sharon Farrah	(N.Y.)	Heidi Nestor	(Milw)
Bertha Hardy	(N.O.)	Anita Ortega	(S.F.)
Marie Kocurek	(Minn)	Janice Thomas	(N.Y.)
Pat Mayo	(S.F.)		

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YEAR TWO of the San Francisco Pioneers 1980-1981

For most teams the next season begins with the draft. The order of the draft was based on a team's regular season record. So even though the Pioneers went deep into the playoffs their draft position was sixth.

13 teams gathered in the New York Hilton on June 16, 1980 for the 3rd Annual WBL Draft.

The Pioneer's picks were as follows

# 1	Cindy Haugejorde	6'0"	University of Iowa
# 2	Roberta Williams	5'6"	South Carolina State
# 3	Margaret Nielsen	6'1"	Central Missouri State
# 4	Suzanne Washington	5'8"	University of Oregon
# 5	Traded to St. Louis for Liz Silcott		
# 6	Robbie Beyer	6'1"	Cal. Poly - Pomona
# 7	Diane Frierson	5'7"	Univ. of Cal. - Los Angeles (UCLA)
# 8	Karen Mays	5'10"	Charleston College
# 9	Traded to St. Louis for Bonnie Foley		
#10	Kelly Hill	5'7"	Univ. of Southern California (USC)

While Cindy Haugejorde was excited to be selected by the Pioneers, she still wanted to weigh her options as she received an offer to play in France. Her size, strength, and outside touch would give the Pioneers flexibility against the bigger stronger teams.

Once the draft was complete every other college graduate was a free agent and a week after the draft the Pioneers signed a California girl, 5'9" guard Sheryl Pate from the University of Cal. State Los Angeles.

The next day, in an unprecedented move that would lead to either league legal actions or amending the league by-laws, the Pioneers signed 6'5" Margaret English of South Carolina State. The problem was Margaret English, as a graduating senior, was signed by the Pioneers *before* the draft, therefore making her ineligible. Margaret was projected by the draft experts (that would be me and Greg Williams) to be the 6th player chosen in the draft. By signing her before the draft, the Pioneers in essence had *two* first round picks. (Cindy Haugejorde was projected as a late first round pick or an early 2nd round pick).

San Francisco owner Marshall Geller proposed to the WBL Board of Governors that the Pioneers sacrifice an undisclosed 1981-1982 draft pick. The league rules were amended to prevent signing college eligible players in the future.

After the draft the WBL came out with the new Division Alignment for the 1980-81 season:

East: Chicago, Milwaukee, New Jersey, New York, St Louis

South: Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Tampa Bay (new expansion team)

West: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, San Francisco

On July 15th the Pioneers signed their 2nd round draft pick Roberta Williams and also free agent Kathleen Gray. As far as negotiations with 1st round pick Cindy Haugejorde went there was an unspecified roadblock. Yet it was only July, so training camp wouldn't be starting for another three months.

Coach Frank LaPorte was taking advantage of a new era in youth basketball. With a Women's Pro League now available the young girls of the future needed training to get there. Coach LaPorte and Coach Yoder were now conducting summer basketball camps in the San Francisco area. An article in the Examiner called *Upcoming Hoop Heroines* focused on several of the 80 young ladies attending, as well as the three Pioneers who were teaching: Jan Ternyik, Cardie Hicks, and Pat Mayo.

Were camps a financial boom for underpaid coaches? In 1973 UCLA coach Billie Moore had 100 girls in camps. Seven years later she had about 1,000, with each paying \$200-\$250 for a week's camp. (Don't get too excited, there were always expenses related to this)

In late August 1980 the Pioneers made a trade of a player that had disappeared from their late season games. Liz Silcott, the dynamic Canadian and prolific scorer, was traded to the Tampa Bay Sun for a 1981 3rd round draft pick.

While pro basketball was a business it didn't always have to be cutthroat. Starting center Kim Hansen, who averaged 10.5 points and 10.6 rebounds, requested that the Pioneers make a trade so she could be closer to home. The Pioneers were able to accommodate the Michigan native as they traded her to the Chicago Hustle for a 1981 3rd round draft pick.



As a team this was probably a smart move by the Pioneers as they already had 6'3" Nancy Dunkle from last year and the incoming 6'5" Margaret English. Kim Hansen and Cindy Haugejorde would probably be fighting for the same floor time.

Along with the trade the Pioneers announced a Free Agent and Rookie camp would be held at Potrero Hill Recreation Center. The dates would be September 29 thru October 3 from 10 to noon and 1 to 2:30.

During this time the veterans would report to camp on October 1st, with two pre-season games scheduled for October 30 and November 1st against St. Louis. The games would be played at University of San Francisco and Pacific High School in San Leandro. The Pioneers also planned to play four road pre-season games: Chicago area Nov. 21st & 22nd, and St. Louis area Nov. 23rd & 25th. This meant no going home for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th) for most players.

With an October 1st training camp, the players were travelling when the league made a major announcement on September 30th. The day known as "Black Tuesday" in the WBL, saw four WBL clubs suspend their operations. These included the 1979 WBL Champion Houston Angels, the 1980 WBL Champion New York Stars, the 1979 & 1980 WBL runners-up Iowa Cornets, and the cellar-dwelling Milwaukee Does. WBL league rules allowed a team up to two years of inactivity with an opportunity for readmittance into the league.

Even though camp had been going on for two weeks, on October 17th 1st round draft pick Cindy Haugejorde made it official and signed a Pioneer contract. Whether she was practicing before this date was unknown. On the same day the Pioneers announced that guard Debbie Ricketts would be added as an assistant coach to the Pioneers staff. The Pioneers were still looking forward to having her on the court as well.

The games against St. Louis in the Bay area never materialized as the Pioneers' first pre-season game was in Griffith, Indiana against the Chicago Hustle. While this was the Pioneers first pre-season game it was the 7th for the Hustle.

The 1980-81 Chicago Hustle were very different from the 17-19 team of last season. They secured 6'5" National Champion Inge Nissen with the 2nd pick of the draft. They also signed two members of the 1978-79 WBL Champion Houston Angels, Paula Mayo and Belinda Candler. This version of the Hustle also included a new coach, Bill Gleason, whose job was to meld players from the past with the new additions.

Despite being 6-0 in the pre-season the Hustle found themselves behind 20-11 after the 1st quarter. The Pioneers went into halftime with a 36-31 lead to the dismay of the 1,584 who came out to support the Hustle. The Pioneers dominated in the 3rd quarter to take a 71-59 lead into the 4th quarter. But the large pre-season crowd pushed the Hustle to better efforts as they came away with their 7th pre-season win 89-87. Their 30-14 4th quarter was the Pioneer's undoing.

San Francisco Pioneers						Team Games
Name	No.	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	Pts
Dunkle, Nancy	40	6		2	7	14
English, Margaret	32	1		0	0	2
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	2		6	8	10
Hicks, Cardie	10	10		4	6	24
Mayo, Pat	13	3		3	4	9
McKinney, Musiette	33	0		3	4	3
Ortega, Anita	11	2		6	9	10
Schmidt, Alice	24	0		1	2	1
Washington, Suzanne	22	1		0	0	2
Williams, Roberta	1	6		0	2	12
Adjustments						0
Totals		31	0	25	42	87
		FG%	#####	FT%	59.5%	

Chicago Hustle						Team Games
Name	No.	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	Pts
Caldwell, Breena	30	3		0	0	6
Candler, Belinda	24	6		1	3	13
Digitale, Sue	21	3		0	0	6
Easterling, Rita	15	0		6	7	6
Fincher, Janie	10	1		0	0	2
Galloway, Liz	31	1		0	0	2
Geils, Donna	14	3		0	0	6
Hansen, Kim	55	2		1	4	5
Hodgson, Pat	11	2		0	0	4
Kilday, Pam	26	0		0	0	0
Matthews, Linda	12	2		7	8	11
Mayo, Paula	25	4		2	4	10
Nissen, Inge	42	2		9	17	13
Voss, Vicky		0		0	0	0
White, Ethel	20	2		1	2	5
Totals		31	0	27	45	89
		FG%	#####	FT%	60.0%	

Whatever confidence the Pioneers took from this close loss was destroyed the next day. On Saturday November 22nd at Waukegan East High School the Hustle won their 8th pre-season game 91-71. The Hustle were up 20-17, then 50-41 at the half. The score increased to 71-55 and then the final of 91-71.

San Francisco Pioneers						Team G
Name	No.	FGM	FTM	FTA	Pts	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	2	2	2	6	
English, Margaret	32	1	2	3	4	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	6	1	4	13	
Hicks, Cardie	10	0	4	6	4	
Mayo, Pat	13	3	1	2	7	
McKinney, Musiette	33	4	5	7	13	
Ortega, Anita	11	1	9	10	11	
Schmidt, Alice	24	0	2	4	2	
Washington, Suzanne	22	1	4	6	6	
Williams, Roberta	1	2	1	2	5	
Totals		20	31	46	71	
		FG%	FT%	67.4%		

Chicago Hustle						Team G
Name	No.	FGM	FTM	FTA	Pts	
Caldwell, Breena	30	1	0	0	2	
Candler, Belinda	24	2	0	0	4	
Digitale, Sue	21	5	2	2	12	
Easterling, Rita	15	0	7	8	7	
Fincher, Janie	10	2	1	3	5	
Galloway, Liz	31	2	0	0	4	
Geils, Donna	14	3	2	2	8	
Hansen, Kim	55	2	0	0	4	
Hodgson, Pat	11	1	0	0	2	
Kilday, Pam	26	1	2	3	4	
Matthews, Linda	12	2	6	7	10	
Mayo, Paula	25	4	1	2	9	
Nissen, Inge	42	2	5	9	9	
Voss, Vicky		0	0	0	0	
White, Ethel	20	3	5	12	11	
Totals		30	31	48	91	
		FG%	FT%	64.6%		

The easiest comparison to see between the two games could be found with Cardie Hicks who went from 10 baskets in game one to 0 in game two.

The Pioneers were about to play their 3rd game in three days as they travelled up to Minnesota to take on the Fillies. In 1979-80, the Fillies were like the Pioneers, in that they were the runners-up to the WBL finalists.

San Francisco would be playing without Cardie Hicks who strained her back in the last game against the Hustle. This might explain why she didn't score in the last game. Yet the Pioneers took a 22-18 1st quarter lead, but fell behind 46-43. They fought back to get within two, 70-68 after three quarters. The Fillies finished the job with a 96-92 victory.

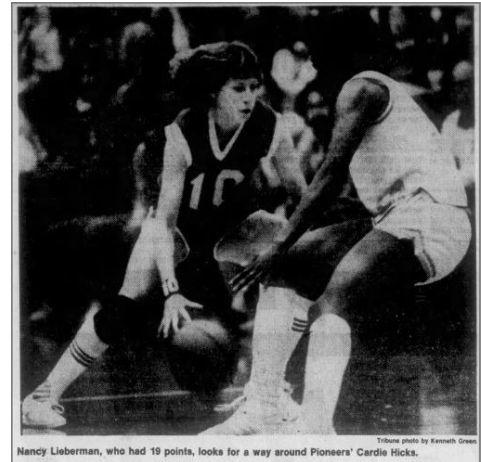
San Francisco Pioneers									Team G
Name	No.	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	Tot Rb	TO	Pts	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	2		2	2	0		6	
English, Margaret	32	0		2	2	0		2	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	9		3	4	0		21	
Hicks, Cardie	10					0		0	
Mayo, Pat	13	3		3	5	0		9	
McKinney, Musiette	33	4		6	6	0		14	
Ortega, Anita	11	7		6	7	0		20	
Schmidt, Alice	24					0		0	
Washington, Suzanne	22	4		0	0	0		8	
Williams, Roberta	1	6		0	0	0		12	
Adjustments			76			33	24		
Totals		35	76	22	26	33	24	92	
		FG%	46.1%	FT%	84.6%				

Minnesota Fillies									Team G
Name	No.	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	Tot Rb	TO	Pts	
Chavers, Tonyus	45	1		0	2	0		2	
DeLorme, Scooter	32	2		2	2	0		6	
Harris, Nessie	15	3		4	4	0		10	
Kocurek, Marie	42	10		6	7	0		26	
Montgomery, Patty	53	2		4	4	0		8	
Owens, Katrina	33	0		2	2	0		2	
Sharps, Denise	10	14		0	0	0		28	
Wilson, Donna	11	7		0	0	0		14	
Adjustments			83			37	26		
Totals		39	83	18	21	37	26	96	
		FG%	47.0%	FT%	85.7%				

After a short Thanksgiving break the Pioneers had two more pre-season games scheduled on Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th. Each game would be a benefit game for a local organization. The Pioneers offered a reason to attend by bringing in the former 1976 Olympian, former two-time Wade Trophy winner, and two-time National Champion, Nancy Lieberman and the Dallas Diamonds.

The first game took place at San Leandro Pacific High School and 1,200 people came to support the cause and the Pioneers. The Diamonds, who were the worst team in the WBL in 1979-80, came in with a new coach and nine new players. The Pioneers jumped out to a 29-22 1st quarter lead. They held the lead at 45-44 at the half.

The Diamonds were testing out their players to see how they responded. In some cases the game total of 50 turnovers by the Diamonds, showed the players were still struggling with each other. At the same time team depth was being created, which was displayed with nine players having over 22 minutes of action.



The two teams were tied at 66 after three quarters based on the free throw opportunities the Pioneers had. They would end the game with a 42 of 52 versus 19 of 29 for Dallas. Yet after 12 more minutes the teams were tied again at 93. This was the Pioneers fourth pre-season game and the third one ending with excitement and tension.

San Francisco went up by four 97-93, until a Lieberman drive with 2:40 remaining made it 100-98, Pioneers. With under a minute remaining a Rosalind Jennings' free throw made it 100-99, and the Pioneers had the ball to ice the game. But a missed shot, a Dallas rebound, and a quick timeout gave Dallas the ball with 21 seconds left. An Alfreda Abernathy shot with :09 gave Dallas the 101-100 lead, and eventually the victory.

For the Pioneers it was another close loss, but that didn't concern Coach LaPorte because these were just pre-season games. Anita Ortega had 27 points with 17 coming from the line, but she fouled out in the overtime. Cardie Hicks had 20 in her return to the floor. The player that was not making her presence known was 6'5 Margaret English. In her four games she had scored 2,4,2, and 2.

For Dallas, despite the 50 turnovers, they outrebounded the Pioneers 61-47. All-Pro Alfreda Abernathy scored 22 with 11 rebounds, while #1 pick Nancy Lieberman had 19 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, and 6 steals. Also making her rookie presence known was Dallas' #3 pick Hattie Browning who had 16 points, 7 rebounds and 6 steals in her 24 minutes.

San Francisco Pioneers														Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	Pts	Eff Rat	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	42	4	11	2	2	12	12	3	4			10	0.667	
English, Margaret	32	11	0	2	2	2	3	3	0	1			2	0.455	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	31	4	12	0	0	9	9	2	5			8	0.677	
Hicks, Cardie	10	43	9	26	2	3	4	4	3	3	2		20	0.744	
Mayo, Pat	13	46	1	11	7	11	7	7	3	4	3		9	0.543	
McKinney, Musiette	33	Name Not in Newspaper						0					0		
Ortega, Anita	11	37	5	10	17	20	6	6	4	6	2		27	1.162	
Schmidt, Alice	24	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2			4	1.250	
Washington, Suzanne	22	22	0	6	5	6	3	3	2	2			5	0.545	
Williams, Roberta	1	27	4	11	7	8	2	2	2	3	2		15	0.852	
Adjustments		2										25			
Totals		265	29	91	42	52	47	47	19	30	9	25	100	0.638	
			FG%	31.9%	FT%	80.8%	m Rbs								

Dallas Diamonds													Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	30	7	10	8	8	11	11	2	5			22	1.233
Barnes, Vanessa	11	29	1	4	1	2	3	3	1	6	2		3	0.345
Browning, Hattie	22	24	6	13	4	6	7	7	3	5	6		16	1.458
Bruton, Cindy	20	24	1	1	0	2	8	8	1	3	2		2	0.583
Fancher, Sherri	14	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2			2	0.571
Gillom, Peggie	42	17	5	13	2	2	6	6	1	3			12	1.176
Jennings, Rosalind	15	24	3	9	1	4	4	4	3	5	2		7	0.792
Lieberman, Nancy	10	41	8	19	3	5	8	8	6	5	6		19	1.098
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	30	5	6	0	0	4	4	2	3			10	0.600
Swindell, Retha	35	17	1	1	0	0	4	4	2	2			2	0.588
Walker, Gwen	40	22	4	4	0	0	6	6	1	4			8	0.727
Adjustments			-1									50	-2	
Totals		265	41	82	19	29	61	61	23	43	18	50	101	0.664
			FG%	50.0%	FT%	65.5%	m Rbs							

On that same day the WBL's 3rd season got under way, in Minnesota, with the Nebraska Wranglers facing the Minnesota Fillies. The Pioneers and Diamonds would close out the WBL's pre-season schedule with one more game.

The University of San Francisco's Memorial Gym was the site of this last game. The school's women's basketball program was the beneficiary of this benefit game. An even better crowd of 1,501 came out to see if the Pioneers could win at least one pre-season game. They didn't!

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Clawson, Kerry	44	12	1	2	0	0		0	0	3	0	0			2	0.667	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	34	3	10	2	4		8	8	0	1	1			8	0.500	
English, Margaret	32	14	4	5	2	4		10	10	0	0	1		1	10	1.500	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	34	6	15	6	10		8	8	0	3	1			18	0.794	
Hicks, Cardie	10	33	6	16	2	2		4	4	3	3	1			14	0.758	
Mayo, Pat	13	34	0	4	4	4		5	5	4	3	1			4	0.529	
McKinney, Musiette	33	Injured - Groin Pull								0					0		
Ortega, Anita	11	38	4	13	7	9		4	4	4	1	2			15	0.763	
Schmidt, Alice	24	2	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0				0	1.000	
Washington, Suzanne	22	14	3	6	4	8		0	0	1	1				10	0.857	
Williams, Roberta	1	25	3	10	3	4		3	3	6	4				9	0.960	
Adjustments									0				29		0		
Totals		240	30	81	30	45	0	42	42	22	16	7	29	1	90	0.642	
			FG%	37.0%	FT%	66.7%	Team Rbs		4								

Dallas Diamonds															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	30	9	18	2	3	14	14	3	3				20	1.333	
Barnes, Vanessa	11	17	2	8	0	0	3	3	0	4				4	0.412	
Browning, Hattie	22	23	4	6	1	2	2	2	3	2	1			9	0.783	
Bruton, Cindy	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4				0	0.000	
Fancher, Sherri	14	8	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	3	1			0	0.875	
Gillom, Peggie	42	20	3	8	2	2	5	5	0	2				8	0.650	
Jennings, Rosalind	15	28	5	9	3	3	6	6	3	4	1			13	0.929	
Lieberman, Nancy	10	37	12	20	7	8	8	8	8	2	4		1	31	1.595	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	27	2	8	0	0	5	5	1	2				4	0.407	
Swindell, Retha	35	20	1	1	0	0	6	6	0	2				2	0.400	
Walker, Gwen	40	16	0	1	2	2	4	4	3	4				2	0.750	
Adjustments												36				
Totals		240	38	81	17	20	55	55	23	32	7	36	1	93	0.688	
			FG%	46.9%	FT%	85.0%	m Rbs	6								

The Pioneers lost another close one 93-90. The good news was Margaret English broke out of her slump with 10 points.

On December 3rd a national article appeared about a poll of WBL general managers. The Pioneers were predicted to be in 4th place in the Coastal Division. For a team that was almost in the finals, this vote was quite interesting.

Coastal Division

New Jersey 41
New Orleans 37
Dallas 33
San Francisco 22
New England 3

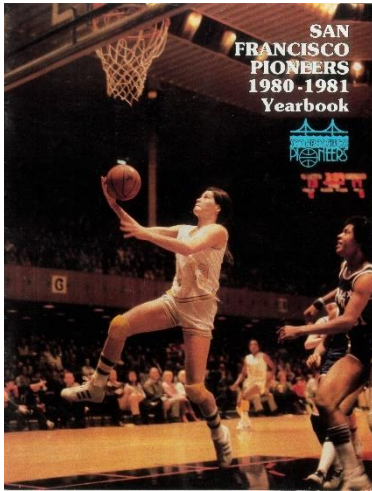
Central Division

Chicago 61
Minnesota 31
St. Louis 22
Nebraska 22

As the Pioneers prepared for their regular season it is again important to acknowledge those who work behind the scenes:

President	Marshall Geller	Trainer	Mildred T. Wright
Head Coach/General Manager	Frank LaPorte	Asst. Trainer	Shauna Wright
Assistant Coach	Debbie Ricketts	Physicians	James E. Wood, Jr.
Director of Marketing	Andrew Coblentz		Will E. Moorhouse
Director of Promotions	Joane Roberts	Home Arena	Civic Auditorium
Asst. Dir. of Promotions	Karl Heisler	Ticket Prices	\$8, \$6, \$4
Administrative Assistant	Karen Smith	Photographers	Donald Peoples
			Barry Reder

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The Pioneers first game, and home opener, would not be until Friday December 12th. Therefore, it would be 12 days between their last pre-season game and their first real game. Yet the league as a whole only had 11 games scheduled in those same 12 days.

The Pioneers would open their season against the same Dallas Diamonds they had just lost two pre-season games against. Dallas came into San Francisco on a coast to coast road trip and a 2-1 record. They had won their home opener against the New Jersey Gems, but then lost in New Jersey for their 19th straight road loss. The Diamonds then beat the New England Gulls, before coming to the Bay area.

The big news for the Pioneers was that Dallas' star, Nancy Lieberman, would not be playing. She strained her knee against the Gulls and was being checked out. Some in the crowd of 1,973 were disappointed, but they were pleased with the Pioneers new uniforms, the two searchlights attracting crowds, and the 3-piece band in front of the Civic Auditorium to greet them.

The Diamonds exploded out to a 32-21, behind Lieberman's replacement Cathy Shoemaker, who had 12 in the first quarter. Dallas continued its team onslaught as they increased their lead to 59-41, through a 42-20 rebound advantage.



In the 2nd half the Pioneers concentrated on defense and passing to the open man, but with 6:55 left Dallas still had a 15-point lead. But a 16-4 run at the end of the quarter cut the lead some more. By the end of the 3rd quarter the Dallas lead was 82-73. Behind Cardie Hicks 13 2nd half points the Pioneers finally took a lead with 2:05 remaining, 100-99. At 1:14 the score was tied at 102. Then with :18 left Anita Ortega fouled Cindy Bruton, who made both free throws for a 104-102 lead. The teams traded turnovers until with five seconds left Cardie Hicks went up for a shot and appeared to be fouled, but no whistle sounded. The final was 104-102, and another close Pioneer loss.



The Pioneers were led by Cardie Hicks 19 points, eight rebounds, and six assists. Anita Ortega added 18, while Roberta "Instant Offense" Williams came through with 16. Leading the team in rebounds was a newcomer, Doris Draving. The former All-Pro from the Iowa Cornets had tried her hand in the upstart Ladies Pro Basketball Association, but left to join the Pioneers. Her 10 rebounds were grabbed in only 18 minutes, but her presence was going to benefit the Pioneers.

Without Lieberman it would have been natural for the team to turn to last year's Diamond hero, Alfreda Abernathy who averaged 27 points and 14 rebounds. Yet Alfreda fouled out with 13 points and 13 rebounds in only 19 minutes. Instead, the Diamonds were led by Hattie Browning's 22 points and six rebounds, while Cathy Shoemaker added 22 with 10 rebounds. Retha Swindell and Cindy Bruton each had 14 points for the well-balanced Diamond attack.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Draving , Doris	50	18	2	4			2	2	2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	6	1.111	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	32	5	5			4	4	0	1	1	3	3	4	0	0	14	0.781	
English, Margaret	32	6	0	1			0	0	2	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0.500	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	26	4	8	0	1	5	6	2	3	5	3	3	0	3	0	13	0.808	
Hicks, Cardie	10	36	6	17			7	10	3	5	8	6	4	2	5	0	19	1.000	
Mayo, Pat	13	33	3	9			0	0	2	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	6	0.576	
McKinney, Musiette	33	18	2	8			4	5	2	2	4	1	4	0	1	0	8	0.722	
Ortega, Anita	11	35	6	15			6	8	1	4	5	7	5	1	5	1	18	0.943	
Ricketts, Debbie	8	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Washington, Suzanne	22	4	1	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.500	
Williams, Roberta	1	32	7	14			2	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	16	0.531	
Totals		240	36	83	0	1	30	39	14	27	41	28	26	10	20	2	102	0.788	
			FG%	43.4%			FT%	76.9%	Team Rebs		4								

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	19	6	15			1	2	7	6	13	0	6	0	2	0	13	1.263	
Barnes, Vanessa	11	27	3	12			0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	6	0	6	0.259	
Browning, Hattie	22	43	10	20			2	4	4	2	6	3	4	2	3	0	22	0.767	
Bruton, Cindy	20	27	5	12			4	7	6	6	12	0	1	1	2	0	14	0.926	
Fancher, Sherri	14	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Gillom, Peggie	42	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Jennings, Rosalind	15	26	1	7			2	8	1	0	1	4	5	1	3	0	4	0.423	
Lieberman, Nancy	10	Injured - Did Not Travel																	
Sacoco, Katrina	33	5	1	1			0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.800	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	40	8	14			6	7	7	3	10	3	2	1	9	0	22	0.750	
Swindell, Retha	35	29	5	7			4	5	1	8	9	0	3	4	2	5	14	0.862	
Walker, Gwen	40	24	3	5			1	3	4	3	7	0	1	2	2	1	7	0.583	
Totals		240	42	93	0	0	20	36	31	30	61	13	27	11	29	6	104	0.721	
			FG%	45.2%			FT%	55.6%	Team Rebs		6								

San Francisco had five days to get to the East Coast to take on the New Jersey Gems. This year's version of the Gems no longer had co-MVP Ann Meyers leading the way. Instead, the first winner of the Wade Trophy (women's basketball equivalent of the Heisman Trophy) went to Carol Blazejowski in 1978. The Blaze was drafted in the 1st round of the original WBL draft in 1978 by the Gems.

But Carol wanted to maintain her Olympic eligibility, so she never signed. But in 1980, with the U.S. boycotting the Olympics, Carol would team up with former Montclair Univ. teammate and WBL All-Star Wanda Szeremeta, along with Univ. of Maryland and fellow Olympian Tara Heiss. The Gems also picked-up All-Pro Janice Thomas, from the now defunct New York Stars. Missing from the Gems at this time was a 6'4" star from last year, Willodean Harris, who was sitting out with a contract dispute.

On a cold Wednesday evening, December 17th, the two teams and the 780 fans present were shocked to find that South Mountain Arena could not raise the indoor temperature to a reasonable level. How bad was it?

"I'd like to apologize to our fans, Blazejowski said of the frigid temperatures inside because the heat was turned on only moments before game time."

"When it's that cold, it's hard to play, much less sit."

The (0-1) Pioneers fell behind the (3-3) Gems 27-24 after one quarter. The two teams combined for 32 2nd quarter points as the Pioneers fell further behind 45-38. The best the Pioneers could do was close the gap to 49-45, but the Gems' 14 unanswered points gave them a comfortable 63-45 lead. The Gems stretched that to 79-56 and later to 89-60. Yet the Pioneers went on a 15-2 run to cut the lead to 91-75, but the Gems took control to coast to a 104-77 victory.

The Pioneers barely had players in double figures as Anita Ortega led the way with 12, while both Pat Mayo and Cindy Haugejorde had 10 each.

For the Gems while Carol Blazejowski had 30 points (raising her league leading average to 26.7), it was the almost Triple Double of Janice Thomas that secured a victory. Her 18 points, 11 assists, and nine steals almost added her to an exclusive WBL club. The other guard Tara Heiss also put up big numbers with 16 points, five assists, and seven steals.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Games	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts		
Drawing , Doris	50		2				0	2			0							4	
Dunkle, Nancy	40		3				0	0			0							6	
English, Margaret	32		4				0	2			9							9	8
Haugejorde, Cindy	43		4				2	3			0							10	
Hicks, Cardie	10		4				1	3			0							9	
Mayo, Pat	13		4				2	3			0							10	
McKinney, Musiette	33		2				1	4			0							5	
Ortega, Anita	11		4				4	5			0							12	
Ricketts, Debbie	8		Name Not in Newspapers								0							0	
Washington, Suzanne	22	1	2	2	0	4													
Williams, Roberta	1	4	1	2	0	9													
Adjustment		240		69						37		19	27	13	32				
Totals		240	32	69	0	0	13	26	0	46	9	19	27	13	32	0	77		
			FG%	46.4%			FT%	50.0%	Team Rebs										

New Jersey Gems																		Team G
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	
Blazejowski, Carol	12		11	24			8	10		9	9							30
Comerie, Debbie	34		1				2	2			0							4
Heiss, Tara	44	20	8				0	0			0	5		7				16
Jeffrey, Jill	14		0				0	0			0							0
Marquis, Gail	24		8				2	2			0							18
Szeremeta, Wanda	23		2				2	2			0							6
Tatterson, Gail	33		0				1	2			0							1
Thomas, Janice	10		8	9			2	2			0	11		9				18
Van Ness, Joan	32		1				2	5			0							4
Young, Faye	22	8	3				1	3			0							7
Young, Kaye	20		0				0	0			0							0
Adjustment		212		48						29		15	25	9	22			
Totals		240	42	81	0	0	20	28	0	38	9	31	25	25	22	0	104	
			FG%	51.9%			FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs									
Special Notes:																		
Willodean Harris in Contract dispute - 1st 8 games																		

Two days later the (0-2) Pioneers found themselves in New Orleans at the 76,000 seat Super Dome to play against the (5-0) Pride. Two of the Pride's victories came against the hastily put together New England Gulls. They also beat a winless Minnesota team, a good New Jersey team, and destroyed an improving Dallas team.

The Pride did a good job of adding players from defunct teams, like Sharon Farrah of the New York Stars and Vicky Chapman of the Houston Angels. They also added the #2 pick of the WBL's 1979 Draft, Cindy Brogdon. Cindy was the property of the Tampa Bay Sun, but when the team was transferred to New England Cindy refused to go and declared herself a free agent.

1,310 came to watch the New Orleans Pride take a 26-21 first quarter lead. In a game similar to the Dallas home opener, the Pioneers fell behind 57-41 at the half. Yet in the 3rd quarter the Pride scored only nine points on seven free throws and ONE basket. The Pioneers cut the lead to 66-61 and were ready to take over the game. The teams traded baskets most of the quarter and the closest the Pioneers could get was within six, 85-79, with 2:26 left.

The Pioneers hurt their chances as they committed 39 turnovers, including 14 by Anita Ortega. The Pride raised their record to 7-0 with a deceptive 94-81 victory. The Pioneers fell to 0-3.

The starting front line of Nancy Dunkle and Cindy Haugejorde had 26 points and 28 rebounds combined, with Cindy's 16 points leading the team. Pat Mayo added 14 points and Ortega came through with 13 points.

For the Pride Bertha Hardy became one of only 14 WBL players who would have a 20-20, as she scored 27 points and had 20 rebounds. Another Pride holdover from last year, Augusta Forest, added 14 points, 12 rebounds, and 7 steals.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Drawing , Doris	50	26	4	9			0	0		5	5	0	4				8	0.500
Dunkle, Nancy	40	33	4	7			2	2		11	11	1	6	4			10	0.818
English, Margaret	32	16	2	3			2	6		7	7	0	3			1	6	0.813
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	25	5	17			6	10		17	17	0	5				16	1.320
Hicks, Cardie	10	Injured -																
Mayo, Pat	13	41	4	13			6	8		5	5	2	5				14	0.561
McKinney, Musiette	33	33	1	6			2	3		3	3	1	3				4	0.273
Ortega, Anita	11	28	4	9			5	7		5	5	1	4		14		13	0.214
Ricketts, Debbie	8	Name not in Newspaper																
Washington, Suzanne	22	10	1	3			0	0		2	2	1	4				2	0.600
Williams, Roberta	1	28	4	9			0	0		3	3	0	0				8	0.393
Adjustment														7	25			
Totals		240	29	76	0	0	23	36	0	58	58	6	34	11	39	1	81	0.513
			FG%	38.2%			FT%	63.9%	Team Rebs									

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	Name not in Newspaper																
Bialock, Sybil	10	43	4	11			4	7		4	4	8	4				12	0.744
Brogdon, Cindy	44	31	6	16			1	4		3	3	1	5	5			13	0.742
Chapman, Vicky	30	22	3	8			2	4		3	3	1	2				8	0.591
Crusoe, Beverly	25	17	4	9			1	1		8	8	2	3				9	1.235
Farrah, Sharon	11	17	1	4			1	4		5	5	1	0				3	0.588
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																
Forest, Augusta	31	40	7	13			0	4		12	12	3	4	7			14	0.975
Hardy, Bertha	33	43	6	13			15	22		20	20	1	3				27	1.140
Peters, Sue	23	19	3	8			2	3		2	2	2	3				8	0.737
Wayment, Heidi	22	8	0	1			0	0		1	1	0	1			1	0	0.125
Adjustment														18	30			
Totals		240	34	83	0	0	26	49	0	58	58	19	25	30	30	1	94	0.792
			FG%	41.0%				FT%	53.1%	Team Rebs								

The final game of this three-game road trip had the (0-3) Pioneers travelling to Dallas the next day, December 20th, to face the (3-2) Diamonds. Dallas' last game was three days before (12/17) when they were beaten badly, 91-73, by the New Orleans Pride in New Orleans.

With the Pioneers smarting over a close loss at home when star Nancy Lieberman wasn't there, the Pioneers wanted to know how they measured up when Lieberman played. But some of the Pioneers weren't 100% as Anita Ortega was nursing a groin pull and could play only 19 minutes, and Cardie Hicks was battling the flu and played only seven minutes.

The Saturday afternoon holiday crowd of 973 came in to watch the Diamonds jump on the Pioneers 33-15. Dallas increased this lead to 60-38 at the half. As opposed to their last meeting when the Diamonds had a 59-41 lead, that was cut to nine, this time the Diamonds outscored the Pioneers by 14 in the 3rd quarter for a 92-56. The final score of 114-76 left the Pioneers' winless since the pre-season started.

Almost half the Pioneers (36 of 76), came from two players. Cindy Haugejorde had 19, while Musiette McKinney had 17 points, along with eight rebounds. For Dallas, no one player stood out as six players had double figures. Lieberman had 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Dallas' #2 draft pick Peggie Gillom had 17 points. Their #6 draft pick, Vanessa Barnes, added 15 points and eight rebounds in just 24 minutes of play. The Diamonds record increased to 4-2.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Draving , Doris	50	30	2	7			5	10	2	8	10	1	4	0	3	2	9	0.600
Dunkle, Nancy	40	36	2	6			5	7	6	8	14	3	4	0	4	3	9	0.694
English, Margaret	32	9	0	0			1	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0.222
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	29	8	18			3	4	4	4	8	1	4	0	0	0	19	1.000
Hicks, Cardie	10	7	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	-0.286
Mayo, Pat	13	20	1	8			0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	2	0.400
McKinney, Musiette	33	34	7	15	0	1	3	4	0	8	8	2	5	1	2	0	17	0.824
Ortega, Anita	11	19	1	6			0	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	2	0.105
Ricketts, Debbie	8	Name not in Newspaper																
Washington, Suzanne	22	32	4	9			3	4	0	2	2	3	5	4	2	1	11	0.656
Williams, Roberta	1	24	2	6			2	2	2	4	6	1	3	0	3	0	6	0.458
Adjustment																		
Totals		240	27	77	0	1	22	33	17	37	54	14	31	5	21	7	76	0.592
			FG%	35.1%				FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs		4						

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfreda	34	20	4	11			5	9	4	2	6	0	1	2	2	1	13	0.950
Barnes, Vanessa	11	24	6	15			3	3	5	3	8	1	2	2	0	0	15	1.125
Browning, Hattie	22	23	3	8			2	2	1	2	3	2	3	6	1	0	8	0.870
Bruton, Cindy	20	17	0	5			0	0	2	4	6	0	2	1	1	0	0	0.353
French, Joanie	32	13	2	4			1	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	0.462
Gillom, Peggie	42	20	7	17			3	4	4	0	4	0	5	0	1	0	17	1.000
Jennings, Rosalind	15	25	3	7			4	6	2	4	6	5	0	3	2	0	10	1.080
Lieberman, Nancy	10	36	6	17			5	5	2	8	10	5	1	1	5	0	17	0.917
Sacoco, Katrina	33	11	0	2			4	5	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	4	0.545
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	21	4	8			4	4	1	3	4	3	3	0	1	0	12	1.000
Swindell, Retha	35	15	2	3			0	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	1	4	0.667
Walker, Gwen	40	15	2	3			5	7	2	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	9	0.800
Totals		240	39	100	0	0	36	47	29	30	59	18	24	15	17	3	114	0.863
			FG%	39.0%			FT%	76.6%	Team Rebs		3							

After flying home the Pioneers had a week off, from games, as they enjoyed a short Christmas break. They were about to embark on a four-game home stand. During this time the team signed former UCLA star and WBL All-Star and All-Pro Heidi Nestor. Heidi had been a member of the Milwaukee Does in 1979-80 and was a free agent after the demise of the team. The 6'1" Nestor would add more height to a team that already had 6'5" Margaret English, 6'2" Nancy Dunkle, 6'1" Cindy Haugejorde, and 6'1" Doris Draving. The All-Pro Pat Mayo was the dwarf of the front line at 5'10".

Unfortunately, their first game of the homestand was against the same Dallas Diamonds who had obliterated them by 38 points in the last game.

Coach LaPorte was beginning to feel the pressure of having lost all four regular season games and all five pre-season games. In a pre-game side comment to Dallas coach Greg Williams Coach LaPorte asked that Greg not humiliate him on his home court, like the last game. The Dallas coach could make no promises.

As opposed to the last two San Francisco-Dallas games the Diamonds didn't jump out to a big lead. Instead, it was a mere 21-19 Dallas advantage, which the Pioneers turned into a 45-37 half time lead. The Pioneers held onto the lead to 67-63 going into the 4th quarter. Dallas, behind 14 4th quarter points by Lieberman turned the tide. Once Dallas took the lead the closest the Pioneers could get was 82-78 with 1:16 left. The final score of 87-80, made the Pioneers 0-5, while Dallas improved to 5-2.

With all of the height available to the Pioneers the leading scorers were, as usual, their guards. Musiette McKinney had 15 points, while Anita Ortega added 14 points and eight assists. Newcomer Heidi Nestor added 11 points, five rebounds, and four assists. Cardie Hicks left the game with a knee injury after playing for only 25 minutes.

The player who was being squeezed for playing time with all these new players was All-Pro Pat Mayo. She played only 20 minutes and took only one shot. Another player who made her first game appearance of the year was assistant coach Debbie Ricketts. The player who controlled

last year's playoff team played her first 15 minutes of the season but was unproductive in her time.

The Pioneers were a team loaded with stars from other teams, but just couldn't put it together. For Dallas, Nancy Lieberman almost had a Triple-Double as she scored 26 points, had 10 rebounds and nine assists. Amazingly she also had 17 turnovers to set a WBL record. Though more than half of the turnovers were questionable, (I know, because I was there) because the referees misunderstood her foot fakes. Dallas was also assisted by Alfredda Abernathy's 18 points and 11 rebounds. Retha Swindell with 15 points and 14 rebounds was only other Diamond with double figures.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Draving, Doris	50	Name Not in Newspapers																
Dunkle, Nancy	40	21	3	4			0	0	2	3	5	1	0	2	4	2	6	0.524
English, Margaret	32	9	2	3			2	2	1	5	6	0	3	1	1	0	6	1.333
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	29	4	10			1	3	5	5	10	1	3	2	3	0	9	0.690
Hicks, Cardie	10	25	3	10			2	3	0	1	1	1	4	4	7	0	8	0.320
Mayo, Pat	13	20	0	1			1	2	1	3	4	1	3	0	3	0	1	0.200
McKinney, Musiette	33	41	6	14			3	7	3	3	6	1	5	1	5	1	15	0.463
Nestor, Heidi	51	27	3	12			5	6	0	5	5	4	2	0	4	0	11	0.741
Ortega, Anita	11	40	4	15			6	6	1	4	5	8	3	2	6	0	14	0.775
Ricketts, Debbie	8	15	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.067
Washington, Suzanne	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Roberta	1	13	5	5			0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	0	10	0.846
Totals		240	30	76	0	0	20	29	13	29	42	19	26	13	36	3	80	0.571
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	69.0%	Team Rebs		4							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Abernathy, Alfredda	34	32	8	13			2	2	3	8	11	0	4	0	2	0	18	0.844
Barnes, Vanessa	11	Name Not in Newspapers																
Browning, Hattie	22	38	3	6			2	7	3	5	8	2	4	0	5	0	8	0.395
Bruton, Cindy	20	18	2	7			0	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	5	0	4	0.222
French, Joanie	32	Name Not in Newspapers																
Gillom, Peggie	42	16	3	8			0	0	2	4	6	1	1	1	0	0	6	0.938
Jennings, Rosalind	15	33	1	8			2	4	3	6	9	2	3	2	4	0	4	0.455
Lieberman, Nancy	10	45	7	20			12	16	2	8	10	9	5	3	17	0	26	0.889
Sacoco, Katrina	33	Name Not in Newspapers																
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	14	1	4			3	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	5	0.357
Swindell, Retha	35	37	7	14			1	6	9	5	14	1	3	6	1	0	15	0.973
Walker, Gwen	40	7	0	1			1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	-0.286
Totals		240	32	81	0	0	23	40	24	37	61	17	24	13	40	0	87	0.646
			FG%	39.5%			FT%	57.5%	Team Rebs		0							

The 2nd game of the four-game home stand and the final game of 1980 had the (2-3) Minnesota Fillies invading the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday December 30th. 1,087 came out to see if the Pioneers could break their losing streak. Before the game the team got together for a players-only team meeting. They were aware of the speculation about Coach LaPorte losing his job. The players knew he was doing his best, but they spoke honestly amongst themselves and cleared the air on personal issues – i.e. who was starting, playing time, ball selfishness, etc.

The Pioneers came out and took a 29-20 1st quarter lead. Being ahead gave the team a different perspective as they held a 49-40 half time lead behind 14 points from Cardie Hicks. Yet the danger wasn't over as the two teams played evenly in the 3rd quarter. The Pioneers went into the 4th quarter leading 80-71 and were able to complete their assignment with a 103-95 victory.

To the players the 0-5 start was a thing of the past and they were 1-0 and ready to take on the league. Cardie Hicks led the way with 29 points on 14-18 from the field, along with eight rebounds and five assists. Three others scored 17 each – Suzanne Washington, Cindy Haugejorde, and Anita Ortega.

For the (2-4) Minnesota Fillies Nessie Harris had 27 points and 13 rebounds, while All-Pro Marie Kocurek had 19 points.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Drawing , Doris	50	Name not in Newspaper																
Dunkle, Nancy	40	23	0	11			0	2		9	9	3	1				0	0.652
English, Margaret	32	6	1	1			2	3		1	1	0	1				4	0.833
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	38	7	11			3	4		8	8	0	5				17	0.658
Hicks, Cardie	10	44	14	18			1	2		8	8	5	2				29	1.068
McKinney, Musiette	33	4	0	3			2	2		0	0	0	0				2	0.500
Nestor, Heidi	51	29	7	14			1	1		3	3	1	1				15	0.690
Ortega, Anita	11	45	5	10			7	11		6	6	5	1				17	0.733
Ricketts, Debbie	8	6	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Washington, Suzanne	22	36	7	16			3	4		4	4	2	2				17	0.694
Williams, Roberta	1	9	1	2			0	0		0	0	0	0				2	0.222
Adjustment														10	14			
Totals		240	42	86	0	0	19	29	0	39	39	16	13	10	14	0	103	0.708
			FG%	48.8%				FT%	65.5%	Team Rebs								

Minnesota Fillies																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Cotman, Angela	21	Injured - Foot																
Daniels, Coco	24	25	2	5			0	0		3	3	1	5				4	0.360
DeLorme, Scooter	32	29	5	9			0	1		7	7	8	0				10	1.138
Harris, Nessie	15	39	10	19			7	8		13	13	3	3				27	1.179
Kocurek, Marie	42	23	9	16			1	2		6	6	1	5				19	1.174
Montgomery, Patty	53	28	7	10			0	0		1	1	2	5				14	0.679
Owens, Katrina	33	46	0	3			3	4		14	14	3	2				3	0.500
Stachon, Toni	25	4	0	2			0	0		1	1	0	0				0	0.250
Timperman, Janet	12	20	3	7			0	0		2	2	2	2				6	0.600
Wilson, Donna	11	26	5	11			2	2		1	1	1	6				12	0.577
Adjustment														7	18			
Totals		240	41	82	0	0	13	17	0	48	48	21	28	7	18	0	95	0.725
			FG%	50.0%				FT%	76.5%	Team Rebs								

The Standings at the end of 1980 looked as follows:

Coastal

New Orleans	7	1	.875	---
Dallas	5	2	.714	1.5
New Jersey	5	3	.625	2.0
San Francisco	1	5	.167	5.0
New England	0	6	.000	6.0

Central

Chicago	5	1	.833	---
Nebraska	5	1	.833	---
Minnesota	2	4	.333	3.0
St. Louis	0	7	.000	5.5

Within the first seven games of the season the teams began separating themselves into winners and "others." Even though the Pioneers were 1-5 they were pretty sure they now could get back into the Coastal Division race and fight for a playoff spot. This year with two divisions, the top two teams in each division would make the playoffs.

The Pioneers next two games would be at home against the same team, the New England Gulls. Yet between the last game of December 28 and the next game of January 4th several activities took place.

The Pioneers began the year with four players on the disabled list: Nancy Dunkle, slight pull of the Achilles Tendon, Margaret English had asthma, Musiette McKinney had a severe ankle strain, and Pat Mayo was out with bronchitis.

Yet by the end of December Pat Mayo announced she was no longer interested in playing basketball and she retired.

The Pioneers also made a trade with the New Orleans Pride for Beverly Crusoe. Beverly was a 5'10" forward from the University of Dayton who was drafted in 1979, but only began playing this year. In six games with the Pride she was playing about 25 minutes a game and averaging 7.5 points. The Pioneers gave up a 1981 5th round draft pick and cash for Crusoe.

But the biggest news for the Pioneers was two-fold. First owner Marshall Geller chose to part ways with Coach Frank LaPorte. His two-year record, not including playoffs was 19-23. In the eyes of Geller:

LaPorte, a veteran Bay Area coach, had lost control and the respect of his players. The owner also had been bothered by what he saw in La Porte vacillating attitude toward his veteran players, as well as the draftees.

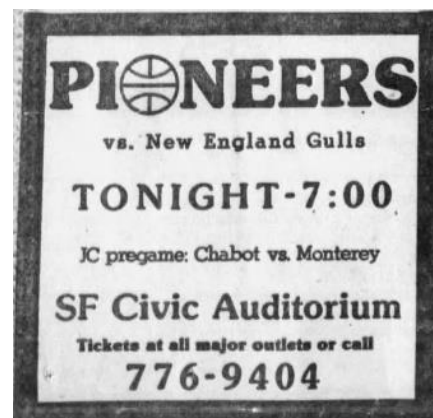
"At one point, of the 11 players we had, Frank wanted to trade nine of them," Geller said. LaPorte liked the promise of the Pioneers guard Suzanne Washington, then decided she had a bad attitude, according to Geller. The same with the club's number one draft choice Cindy Haugejorde. Without consulting Geller, La Porte traded forward Doris Draving to Chicago (a move that has since been contested and will be decided by the WBL Board of Governors.)

But the bigger news involved his replacement. The Pioneers brought in Dean Meminger, who was the 1980 WBL Coach of the Year and winner of the WBL Championship with the New York Stars. With the demise of the Stars, Coach Meminger was available and Geller knew the time was right, before the season got out of hand.

Coach Meminger's initial observation about his new team was how out of shape they were. It was going to be difficult for Dean "The Dream" to implement his style of basketball needed to win a championship.

The Pioneers were going to go into 1981 with a win under their belt, a new proven coach, and the 0-6 New England Gulls coming to San Francisco. The two teams would play two games on Sunday and Tuesday. A nice three game winning streak would be encouraging.

The Gulls were having their own issues. At the end of December their coach "Jungle" Jim Loscutoff, a former Boston Celtics legend was either fired or quit. His replacement was his 24 year old assistant Dana Skinner. Therefore, even though there was a coaching change, the Gulls still had a continuity of familiarity.



On Sunday January 4th, in the battle of first-time coaches a crowd of 1,102 saw the Gulls take a 29-15 first quarter lead as Coach Skinner wanted to emphasize defense. The Pioneers came back to close out the half trailing, 47-41. But Coach Meminger quickly realized his Pioneer players had used up what little energy they had available to tightened the score. The rest of the game stayed as a see-saw battle with each team outscoring the other by two each quarter to conclude a 94-88 Gulls victory.

This was the first opportunity the Pioneers got to get a glimpse of the intense drive of Coach Meminger and many of the players played afraid. Cardie Hicks was the object of most of his tirades, but the team as a whole didn't perform. They shot 36% and were outrebounded 58-41 while committing 26 turnovers.

"I don't mind losing so much as how we lose. It's mainly attitude. The team didn't go out there wanting to win."

Meminger said it will take "a lot of hard work and discipline" to change the attitude he inherited.

The Pioneers were led by Anita Ortega's 24 points, while Cindy Haugejorde had 14 points and 10 rebounds and her new front court partner Heidi Nestor had 14 points and nine rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Draving , Doris	50	Name not in Newspaper														
Dunkle, Nancy	40	25	2	7	2	4		6	6	3	5				6	0.720
English, Margaret	32	5	1	2	0	0		2	2	0	1				2	0.800
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	42	5	10	4	6		10	10	2	5				14	0.667
Hicks, Cardie	10	29	4	13	4	6		4	4	4	5				12	0.828
McKinney, Musiette	33	17	3	9	2	3		5	5	1	0				8	0.882
Nestor, Heidi	51	31	5	9	4	4		9	9	1	2				14	0.806
Ortega, Anita	11	41	8	18	8	13		2	2	4	2				24	0.829
Ricketts, Debbie	8	6	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	2				0	0.000
Washington, Suzanne	22	8	0	3	0	0		0	0	1	2				0	0.250
Williams, Roberta	1	30	4	16	0	0		3	3	1	4				8	0.433
Adjustment		6										11	26			
Totals		240	32	88	24	36	0	41	41	17	28	11	26	0	88	0.617
			FG%	36.4%	FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs									

For Coach Dana Skinner, who was now 1-0 as a pro coach, his team was led by Cris Critelli's 25 points and six rebounds. One of Meminger's former players, Althea Gwyn came through with 10 points and 15 rebounds to ruin his Pioneer debut.

New England Gulls																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Arturi, Lynn	17	Name not in Newspaper															
Cooper, Accronetta	44	Name not in Newspaper															
Critelli, Cris	6	41	10	21	5	6		6	6	3	4				25	0.902	
Green, Anita	8	18	2	3	4	5		1	1	5	1				8	1.056	
Gwyn, Althea	33	41	3	11	4	11		15	15	3	5				10	0.756	
Kimrey, Krystal	25	16	3	6	0	0		4	4	0	4				6	0.625	
Rajcula, Jody	24	20	2	4	4	4		13	13	0	5				8	1.050	
Schlesinger, Lisa	11	27	4	8	2	2		1	1	3	1				10	0.630	
Simms, Donna	32	31	1	5	6	9		11	11	0	5				8	0.613	
Slinker, Tina	7	25	1	4	0	0		3	3	0	0				2	0.200	
Summons, Sue	13	21	8	10	1	2		4	4	0	5				17	1.000	
Adjustment													9	37			
Totals		240	34	72	26	39	0	58	58	14	30	9	37	0	94	0.633	
			FG%	47.2%	FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs										

The defeat to the Gulls didn't stop Marshall Geller from making another basketball splash.

Pioneers owner Marshall Geller is negotiating with last season's WBL scoring leader, "Machine Gun" Molly Bolin, who averaged 32.8 points per game with the Iowa Cornets. Bolin was drafted into the Ladies Pro Basketball League when the Cornets folded during the summer, and became a free agent when the LPBA recently suspended operations.



It didn't take long for Bolin to become a part of the Pioneers rotation as she was available to play the next game, Tuesday January 6th. In order to make room for Bolin, the Pioneers waived Debbie Ricketts. They also traded Beverly Crusoe to the New England Gulls for an unknown draft pick and unspecified cash.

The 780 fans who came out to the Civic Auditorium saw the Pioneers take a 23-21 1st quarter lead, as opposed to being down by 14 in the last game. New England thought they were taking control as they increased their lead to 51-39 lead, but it was cut to 53-47 by the half.

But Meminger's half-time talk motivated, or scared, the Pioneers to take over and hold the Gulls to 14 points, while scoring 24. The pace of game seemed to slow down as the refs called 70 fouls and the two teams shot 102 free throws. The Pioneers' 71-67 lead finally led to a 92-87 victory.



For the Pioneers Anita Ortega led the way with 23 points, Nancy Dunkle added 16 points with 15 rebounds, while Molly Bolin had 14 points in 30 minutes. Also appearing for 24 minutes and grabbing nine rebounds was Molly's former teammate, Doris Draving. Her contested trade to the Chicago Hustle was cancelled and she was still a Pioneer.



The Gulls shot a miserable 28.4%, to the delight of Coach Meminger, and they had three players foul out. They unfortunately wasted an All-Star performance by Althea

Gwyn who had 37 points and 26 rebounds. This was Althea's 10th 20-20 to date. She would end her career with 13. The bounds were split evenly between the offense and defense variety. Sue Summons was next highest with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	30	4	15	6	7		0	0	3	2				14	0.667
Crusoe, Beverly		3	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	2				0	0.333
Draving , Doris	50	24	0	2	3	4		9	9	1	5				3	0.583
Dunkle, Nancy	40	31	7	9	2	6		15	15	1	5				16	1.065
English, Margaret	32	Name not in Newspaper														
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	29	4	14	1	2		8	8	1	6				9	0.655
Hicks, Cardie	10	18	3	8	5	9		6	6	2	4				11	1.167
McKinney, Musiette	33	13	2	4	1	2		4	4	2	1				5	1.000
Nestor, Heidi	51	11	0	1	0	2		3	3	0	5				0	0.273
Ortega, Anita	11	36	7	12	9	13		5	5	4	1				23	1.000
Washington, Suzanne	22	22	0	3	5	7	2	2	2	2	5	0.500				
Williams, Roberta	1	23	2	9	2	2	2	2	4	2	6	0.696				
Adjustment												6	28			
Totals		240	29	77	34	54	0	55	55	20	35	6	28	0	92	0.688
			FG%	37.7%	FT%	63.0%	Team Rebs									

New England Gulls															Team Game #				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat			
Arturi, Lynn	17	Name not in Newspaper																	
Cooper, Accronetta	44	Name not in Newspaper																	
Critelli, Cris	6	23	1	9	3	3		1	1	2	6							5	0.435
Green, Anita	8	18	3	10	2	2		2	2	1	3							8	0.667
Gwyn, Althea	33	37	12	21	13	18		13	13	0	5							37	1.703
Kimrey, Krystal	25	19	2	7	1	1		7	7	0	3							5	0.632
Rajcula, Jody	24	35	3	9	4	4		7	7	1	6							10	0.543
Schlesinger, Lisa	11	33	0	9	5	7		4	4	2	2							5	0.394
Simms, Donna	32	20	2	6	2	4		4	4	0	2							6	0.500
Slinker, Tina	7	16	0	6	0	0	2	2	1	2				0	0.250				
Summons, Sue	13	39	2	11	7	9	10	10	0	6				11	0.538				
Adjustment												7	34	0					
Totals		240	25	88	37	48	13	50	63	7	35	7	34	0	87	0.571			
			FG%	28.4%	FT%	77.1%	Team Rebs												

The four-game home stand ended up 2-2 as the Pioneers hit the road for six games in nine days. Before they left, the team had to put Margaret English on the Injured Reserve List because of ligament problems with her left foot.

The first game was in St. Louis on Saturday January 10th in Kiel Auditorium. This might have been the losingest game in WBL history as the Pioneers 2-6 record was superior to the 0-9 Streak. The combined 2-15 made the winning percentage .118. With an 0-9 record the Streak were also handicapped with injuries to guard Mary Fuller with a possible Achilles Tendon tear, forward Winsome Davidson's leg being in a cast, and forward Adrian Mitchell who had re-injured her knee.

It was amazing that 842 took the time to come out to watch the Streak take a 27-15 1st quarter lead. But the Pioneers fought back to only trail, 48-45 at the half. In the first 7:26 of the 3rd quarter the Pioneers went on a run of 26-18 to take a 71-66 lead. But in the last 4:34 the Streak went on a 14-5 blitz to take an 80-76 3rd quarter lead. The two teams were tied at 92 with 3:22 left in the game. Then the Pioneers put together a string of turnovers to give the Streak a 101-92 victory. The Streak's 20 game losing streak was over (the last 11 of 1979-80 and the first nine on 1980-81 or 331 days of not winning).

The Pioneers were led by Cindy Haugejorde's 21 points and 15 rebounds. Cardie Hicks came through with 14 points and eight rebounds. Coach Meminger was working on his rotations, because no one played for more than 33 minutes and seven of the 10 players played between 22 and 33 minutes. The player currently being pushed out was All-Pro Heidi Nestor who only played 11 minutes in the game against the Gulls, with 0 points, and 13 minutes against St. Louis with 0 points.

For the Streak Lydia Johnson's 20-20 game of 26 points and 24 rebounds led the team. This was the 2nd game in a row that the opponent had a 20-20 against the Pioneers. Former Meminger disciple, Pearl Moore added 23 points, eight rebounds, and seven assists for the 1-9 Streak.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	26	4	11	2	2		3	3	0	1				10	0.500
Draving, Doris	50	22	1	5	1	2		6	6	0	4				3	0.409
Dunkle, Nancy	40	29	4	8	1	2		5	5	1	4	3			9	0.655
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	9	16	3	4		15	15	0	3	3			21	1.182
Hicks, Cardie	10	26	6	12	2	2		8	8	0	5				14	0.846
McKinney, Musiette	33	16	3	11	3	4		4	4	1	3				9	0.938
Nestor, Heidi	51	13	0	4	0	0		0	0	1	0				0	0.154
Ortega, Anita	11	33	4	12	3	5		6	6	4	2				11	0.758
Washington, Suzanne	22	23	3	11	1	3		5	5	6	0				7	1.043
Williams, Roberta	1	19	3	12	2	2		2	2	5	2				8	1.053
Adjustment												8	19	3		
Totals		240	37	102	18	26	0	54	54	18	24	14	19	3	92	0.738
			FG%	36.3%	FT%	69.2%	Team Rebs									

St. Louis Streak																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Booker, Betty	20	7	0	2	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	28	6	10	0	0		2	2	4	2				12	0.786
Davidson, Winsome	6	Injured - leg in cast														
Fuller, Mary	22	Injured - Ruptured Achilles? - No														
Johnson, Lydia	50	43	8	16	10	10		24	24	0	4			2	26	1.163
Jones, Linnell	1	46	4	13	3	5		1	1	11	5	4		2	11	0.826
Mitchell, Adrian	34	Re-Injured Her Knee														
Moore, Pearl	12	41	6	19	11	12		8	8	7	1				23	1.098
Pope, Rowanna	11	21	4	10	0	0		2	2	1	1				8	0.571
Roberts, Patricia	44	39	7	19	1	1		8	8	3	3			2	15	0.744
Thompson, Rosie	10	21	1	4	4	4		5	5	1	4				6	0.619
Adjustment		-6										6	23	1		
Totals		240	36	93	29	32	0	50	50	27	20	10	23	7	101	0.800
			FG%	38.7%	FT%	90.6%	Team Rebs									

The Pioneers were now 2-7 as they continued across the country to New England to take on the 2-8 Gulls. In fact, two of their next three games were against the Gulls.

The Gulls picked up their second victory of the year only two days ago as they ventured to Omaha, Nebraska to face the 7-1 Wranglers. So, the 1-8 Gulls beat the 7-1 Wranglers 96-90 and the Gulls were ready for anybody.

The Pioneers and Gulls met at Merrimack College on Sunday January 11, as 650 fans came to check things out. The Gulls took leads of 27-23 and 58-49. Slowly the Pioneers chipped away, but as the 4th quarter progressed, they were losing their starters. After 48 minutes the Pioneers and Gulls were tied at 97, but the Pioneers were down four starters. Relying on their bench and Anita Ortega the Pioneers pulled out a 104-102 victory to raise their record to 3-7.

Cindy Haugejorde led the team with 26 points, which raised her average to a team leading 15.4 ppg. Molly Bolin added 18, while Ortega had 17. For the (2-9) Gulls Cris Critelli had 38 before she fouled out, while Jody Rajcula added 20. Althea Gwyn fouled out after 19 points and an unknown number of rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Games	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts		
Bolin, Molly	32		6				6	6			0		6						
Draving , Doris	50						2	6					0					6	
Dunkle, Nancy	40						2	4					0						8
Haugejorde, Cindy	43						10	6					10					0	26
Hicks, Cardie	10						4	0					0					0	8
McKinney, Musiette	33						4	1					0					0	9
Nestor, Heidi	51						3	0					2					0	6
Ortega, Anita	11						3	11					11					0	17
Washington, Suzanne	22	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Williams, Roberta	1		2				2	2			0						6		
Adjustment		265											19						
Totals		265	36	0	1	0	31	41	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	104		
			FG%	####			FT%	75.6%	Team Rebs										

New England Gulls																	Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts
Arturi, Lynn	17		1				0	0			0						2
Critelli, Cris	6		15				8	9			0		6				38
Crusoe, Beverly	22		4				0	0			0						8
Green, Anita	8		1				10	15			0						12
Gwyn, Althea	33		5				9	16			0		6				19
Rajcula, Jody	24		4				12	14			0						20
Simms, Donna	32	Name Not in Newspapers															
Slinker, Tina	7		1		0	1	1	2			0						3
Summons, Sue	13	Name Not in Newspapers															
Adjustment		265											20				
Totals		265	31	0	0	1	40	56	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	102
			FG%	#####			FT%	71.4%	Team Rebs								

The Pioneers needed to get to New Jersey right away, because they were about to play their third game in three days. The (8-4) Gems were on a modest two-game winning streak as they hosted the (3-7) Pioneers at South Mountain Arena. The Gems and their 1,104 fans were much more accommodating this game as they found the thermostat and played the game under more comfortable conditions.

Yet to the Pioneers the Gems were far from friendly as they took leads of 33-28 and 68-54. Anita Ortega scored six straight points in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead to only six points, 78-72. Then Carol Blazejowski countered with six of her own, along with Debbie Comerie's four points and the Gems took the lead for good. The closest the Pioneers could get was at 90-78, after three quarters.

The Gems finished off the Pioneers 119-104, behind the 36 points, eight rebounds, and six assists of Blazejowski. Willodean Harris, who had been in a contract dispute during their first meeting scored 16 along with 10 rebounds. All-Pro guard Janice Thomas came through with 15 assists. The Pioneers were led by Haugejorde's 23, Ortega's 18, and Bolin's 16.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	32	27	6	13	4	5		1	1	2	0				16	0.778	
Draving , Doris	50	27	3	4	2	2		6	6	2	0				8	0.667	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	21	2	4	2	2		5	5	0	3				6	0.524	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	35	11	19	1	1		6	6	1	2				3	23	0.971
Hicks, Cardie	10	25	5	12	0	0		5	5	2	4				10	0.760	
McKinney, Musiette	33	21	1	3	0	0		5	5	6	4				2	0.905	
Nestor, Heidi	51	17	0	2	0	0		1	1	0	2				0	0.059	
Ortega, Anita	11	25	8	14	2	2		2	2	5	1				18	1.200	
Washington, Suzanne	22	22	4	7	1	1		1	1	0	2				3	9	0.591
Williams, Roberta	1	20	5	10	2	2	3	3	3	0	12	1.050					
Adjustment												5	16	3			
Totals		240	45	88	14	15	0	35	35	21	18	11	16	3	104	0.733	
			FG%	51.1%	FT%	93.3%	Team Rebs										

New Jersey Gems																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	35	17	27	2	2		8	8	6	3				36	1.600
Comerie, Debbie	34	32	5	12	2	2		11	11	1	2				12	0.781
Gregory, Anne	42	12	3	5	0	1		4	4	1	2				6	1.000
Harris, Willodean	40	28	6	11	4	4		10	10	1	3			3	16	1.000
Heiss, Tara	44	34	10	15	0	0		3	3	7	3	4			20	1.206
Jeffreys, Jill	14	3	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	0				0	1.000
Marquis, Gail	24	21	5	7	1	2		3	3	0	2				11	0.667
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	13	0	5	0	0		0	0	3	1				0	0.462
Thomas, Janice	10	36	2	10	0	0		3	3	15	1	4			4	1.139
Van Ness, Joan	32	14	3	4	0	0		2	2	2	0				6	0.857
Young, Faye	22	6	2	3	2	2		0	0	0	0				6	1.000
Young, Kaye	20	6	0	1	2	2		0	0	1	1				2	0.667
Adjustment												7	19	1		
Totals		240	53	100	13	15	0	45	45	38	18	15	19	4	119	0.983
			FG%	53.0%	FT%	86.7%	Team Rebs									

The Pioneers finally got two days off, 1/13 & 1/14, before they had to play the (2-9) Gulls again. But the Gulls "home" court was going to be the recently built 7,500 seat Cumberland County Civic Center in downtown Portland, Maine. This was possibly an experiment to see if the Gulls could upgrade in the future from their college venue to an attractive reasonably sized arena. There was great excitement and anticipation over how successful this could be.

The Thursday January 15th game became another pothole in the WBL's journey for stability and acceptance. On the 14th the New England newspapers, basically the Boston Globe, ran an expose about the Gulls' team and their handling of Celtic legend Jim Loscutoff. Afterall was coach Loscutoff fired or did he quit?

The big day for the game arrived. The Gulls' owner, Joseph Reither, promised the players they could split the gate receipts for this game. Supposedly there was extensive advertising for this game and the projected receipts could be in the \$15,000 range.

By game time only 100-150 people had come in and the players saw this. The anticipated gross receipts were about \$500, while the arena expense was \$400. This left little money to pay the referees. Also, according to guard Lisa Schlesinger in the Barre, VT Times Argus, "That's when he (Reither) told us we had to pay the officials out of our own pockets." This made for an easy decision by the players, and they voted to strike. They jumped back on the team bus and headed back to Andover, Ma. The Portland fans received a full refund.

San Francisco Pioneers		
Name	No.	Min
Bolin, Molly	32	Forfeit
Draving , Doris	50	Forfeit
Dunkle, Nancy	40	Forfeit
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	Forfeit
Hicks, Cardie	10	Forfeit
McKinney, Musiette	33	Forfeit
Nestor, Heidi	51	Forfeit
Ortega, Anita	11	Forfeit
Washington, Suzanne	22	Forfeit
Williams, Roberta	1	Forfeit
Totals	0	

New England Gulls		
Name	No.	Min
Arturi, Lynn	17	Forfeit
Critelli, Cris	6	Forfeit
Crusoe, Beverly	22	Forfeit
Green, Anita	8	Forfeit
Gwyn, Althea	33	Forfeit
Rajcula, Jody	24	Forfeit
Simms, Donna	32	Forfeit
Slinker, Tina	7	Forfeit
Summons, Sue	13	Forfeit
Totals	0	

Have you ever wondered what was going on with the other team – the San Francisco Pioneers during this time? Here is a memory from Molly Bolin:

From my memory we were staying at a hotel that seemed to be out in the middle of nowhere and I think there was a bus that took us to the game, but it was freezing cold and snowy.

When we got to the game and went out on the floor for a pre warm up we started to hear that there was an issue going on with the Gulls not getting paid and were making a stance about playing the game that night.

I remember how disappointing it was to keep waiting and then finding out there wasn't gonna be a game when we were already in our uniforms & on the court.

There were almost no spectators and not very many people in the gym as I remember. When the word finally reached us that there was not going to be a game, Coach Dean Meminger decided to hold an inner squad practice/scrimmage for about an hour and a 1/2.

When we went back to the locker room afterwards, it was totally ransacked and all of our money, jewelry & anything valuable was gone!

With the 2-0 forfeit the Pioneers improved their record to 4-8, and Coach Meminger's Pioneer record was now 3-3.

With all the confusion going on in Portland, the Pioneers had to get their heads around the fact that they had a game the next day (1/16/81) in Minnesota.

The two teams that were close to being in last year's WBL finals were struggling this year for respectability. The (4-7) Fillies and 2,115 fans welcomed the (4-8) Pioneers to the Minneapolis Auditorium. For the Fillies they knew they needed to keep the Pioneer's Molly Bolin under wraps, because Molly against the Fillies had scored 53, 54, and 55 points as a member of the Iowa Cornets.

The Fillies took control early and led 28-24 and 51-39 at the half. They increased this lead to 77-62 after three quarters, but they allowed the Pioneers to get within 93-90 with 27 seconds left. A couple of Donna Wilson free throws closed out the game for a 97-90 Fillies victory.

The Minnesota newspapers were delirious, because the Fillies kept Molly Bolin to just 14 points. Anita Ortega led the Pioneers with 20, while Cindy Haugejorde also scored 14. The Pioneers front line of Doris Draving and Nancy Dunkle had 13 and 12 rebounds respectively. Yet the team was outrebounded 65-47, to the dismay of Coach Meminger.

For the Fillies, Nessie Harris' defense against Bolin was highlighted more than Donna Wilson's 26 points and 10 rebounds. Harris' 17 points and 10 rebounds were obviously needed for the win.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	32	28	6	14	2	2	3	0	3	1	5	1	3	0	14	0.607	
Draving , Doris	50	24	2	7	0	1	5	8	13	0	3	1	1	1	4	0.708	
Dunkle, Nancy	40	31	3	9	2	5	5	7	12	0	2	0	1	0	8	0.613	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	36	6	21	2	3	5	4	9	2	3	2	3	0	14	0.722	
Hicks, Cardie	10	24	4	7	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	4	0	8	0.458	
McKinney, Musiette	33	12	1	4	3	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	5	0.750	
Nestor, Heidi	51	13	0	3	3	6	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	0.462	
Ortega, Anita	11	41	8	17	4	8	2	1	3	0	4	3	4	0	20	0.537	
Washington, Suzanne	22	29	4	9	5	7	2	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	13	0.448	
Williams, Roberta	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1.500	
Totals		240	34	92	22	39	23	24	47	7	24	11	19	1	90	0.596	
			FG%	37.0%	FT%	56.4%	Team Rebs		12								

Minnesota Fillies																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Cotman, Angela	21	15	2	7	2	2	3	2	5	1	2	3	4	0	6	0.800	
Daniels, Coco	24	Injured - Concussuion															
DeLorme, Scooter	32	40	2	6	5	6	2	1	3	7	5	3	3	0	9	0.650	
Hansen, Kim	44	16	1	3	0	0	0	4	4	2	4	2	1	1	2	0.688	
Harris, Nessie	15	37	6	14	5	6	2	8	10	1	3	1	6	0	17	0.649	
Kocurek, Marie	42	33	7	16	0	0	5	0	5	0	4	1	3	1	14	0.515	
Montgomery, Patty	53	15	5	8	0	0	5	2	7	0	0	1	1	0	10	1.133	
Owens, Katrina	33	30	3	9	7	11	5	11	16	1	4	0	0	1	13	1.033	
Stachon, Toni	25	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.000	
Timperman, Janet	12	12	0	4	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.583	
Wilson, Donna	11	40	9	20	8	9	4	6	10	1	4	3	1	0	26	1.000	
Totals		240	35	88	27	34	29	36	65	14	26	16	19	3	97	0.779	
			FG%	39.8%	FT%	79.4%	Team Rebs		11								

The final game of this six-game road trip brought them to Omaha, Nebraska for a Sunday game. The Wranglers were 9-2 at the time and playing only their second game after their embarrassing loss to the Gulls on the 9th.

The Omaha World-Herald set aside a special space for an article on Molly Bolin. Afterall, Molly almost ended up being a Wrangler. When the Ladies Pro Basketball Association folded, she was being courted by several teams. But Omaha was closest to home, and she was familiar with Coach Kirk from last year. But Molly couldn't pass up the San Francisco offer. The article emphasized that Molly was trying to manage her duties as a wife, mother, basketball player, and the owner of a popular prize pin-up poster. The 1,500 copies sold out quickly and she needed to create another one in her Pioneers uniform.



The Omaha Civic Auditorium had 1,832 fans take advantage of a ticket reduction of \$3 to \$1 for tickets, thanks to a KOIL radio promotion. The Wranglers took a 26-17 1st quarter lead. The Wranglers lead reached 53-36, but they had to settle for a 57-43 advantage at the half.

Coach Kirk had prepared his team for the type of defense the Pioneers would use.

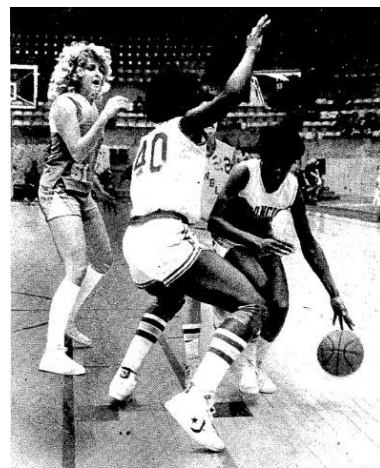
"They follow the Al McGuire philosophy of defense," said Wrangler coach Steve Kirk of the Pioneers, who are coached by former Marquette All-American Dean Meminger.

"They start hacking and laying on and the whole game turns into their style if you let it go. But their karate defense caught up with them today."

The Wranglers, however failed to take advantage of many of their trips to the free throw line, sinking only 42 of 72 attempts.

The Pioneers chipped away, but could only cut it to 80-71 after three quarters. The 116-105 Wrangler win wasn't pretty according to Coach Kirk, but it did raise their record to 10-2.

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin's 21 points and eight rebounds. Five other Pioneers scored in double digits, including Heidi Nestor who had 13 points, before she fouled out. For the Wranglers Rosie Walker had 30 points and 16 rebounds. Carol Chason came though with 28 points.



Putting on the pressure... Wranglers' Rosie Walker (40) and Holly Warlick, background, defend against San Francisco's Roberta Williams. The Pioneer's Heidi Nestor looks on.

Even though Coach Kirk emphasized the type of defense the Pioneers might employ, a free throw difference of 72 to 31 did not make for a level playing field.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	38	10	23			1	3	4	4	8	3	5	2	0	1	21	0.974
Draving, Doris	50	35	5	8			2	2	9	8	17	1	3	2	2	0	12	0.886
Dunkle, Nancy	40	23	2	8			0	0	3	2	5	1	4	2	2	2	4	0.478
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	29	7	16			3	6	4	4	8	0	5	2	0	0	17	0.931
Hicks, Cardie	10	16	7	9			0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	14	0.875
McKinney, Musiette	33	10	1	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.300
Nestor, Heidi	51	28	4	4			5	7	0	2	2	0	6	1	3	0	13	0.464
Ortega, Anita	11	22	1	8			2	4	3	0	3	1	2	0	4	0	4	0.227
Washington, Suzanne	22	20	4	11			4	6	5	1	6	2	3	1	1	0	12	1.100
Williams, Roberta	1	19	2	7			2	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	6	0.316
Totals		240	43	97	0	0	19	31	28	22	50	9	37	12	16	3	105	0.704
			FG%	44.3%			FT%	61.3%	Team Rebs		10							

Nebraska Wranglers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Beasley, Genia	34	24	1	6			4	9	1	5	6	1	1	1	0	2	6	0.625
Chason, Carol	10	43	7	12			14	15	3	2	5	2	3	1	4	0	28	0.791
Flora, Janet	32	2	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-0.500
Greene, Vivian	14	12	4	7			3	8	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	11	1.000
Jordan, Kim	30	5	0	1			0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	-0.400
Kunzmann, Connie	44	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Lewis, Charlotte	50	24	1	4			0	0	2	4	6	0	3	2	4	3	2	0.250
Pope, Peggy	20	2	0	2			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.000
Taylor, Susan	24	35	7	12			2	6	2	4	6	4	3	3	2	0	16	0.886
Walker, Rosie	40	42	11	16			8	16	4	12	16	0	4	1	6	0	30	0.976
Warlick, Holly	22	36	3	4			5	8	0	1	1	11	4	2	4	1	11	0.889
Wright, Josephine	42	12	3	5	0	1	6	10	1	0	1	4	0	1	5	0	12	1.417
Totals		240	37	70	0	1	42	72	14	30	44	22	22	11	30	6	116	0.771
			FG%	52.9%			FT%	58.3%	Team Rebs		20							

Even though the nine-day road trip was over that didn't mean there was any rest was on the horizon. After the Pioneers' Sunday loss in Omaha, they needed to host the (12-3) New Orleans Pride in the Civic Auditorium.

The story of the day was of course the demise of the New England Gulls and where the WBL stood as a league. Marshall Geller was still optimistic and not surprised, because these growing pains were normal. What Geller was most disturbed over was the "country-club" atmosphere that had seemed to develop with the Pioneers under former Coach Frank LaPorte. That was why when Dean Meminger came in there was a complete change. This included expectations, criticisms, and strong abrasive language by the coach. This was especially noted by Geller when he said:

"I saw that story about Pat Mayo's quote retirement, unquote," the owner said sarcastically. "We're not going to pay players who are not prepared to play on the professional level. This isn't high school or college. They have to put out the effort expected of professionals."

The Pride brought a three-game winning streak with them for this Tuesday January 20th game. A good crowd of 1,465 came and saw a Pioneer team that was missing a lot of their players. Nancy Dunkle, Heidi Nestor, and Suzanne Washington all had the flu, Anita Ortega had her grandmother's death to contend with, while Margaret English was still on the inactive list with torn ligaments in her left foot. With players missing the Pioneers went out and signed 5'10" Joan Uhl, a former Iowa Cornet and another refuge from the Ladies Pro Basketball Assoc. They also signed 5'3" Tanya Crevier who was following the same path as Uhl.

Yet the Pioneers jumped out to a 30-18 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers stayed in control as they went into the half ahead 61-51. Despite poor shooting by Molly Bolin, 6 of 24 from the field, yet 16-18 from the line, the Pioneers stayed on top.

The Pioneers needed a big lead to make it through this game, because they only had seven players. By the 4th quarter, Cardie Hicks and Suzanne Washington both fouled out. Five players left to finish the game. Yet all five had five fouls on them. Caution and smart play was the only way to finish this game. The 110-99 victory should have been a foundation stone to what the team was capable of.

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin's 28 points and Cindy Haugejorde's 26 points.

One person on the Pioneer's bench who was ineligible, if any other players fouled out, was four-year old Damien Bolin, the son of Molly. Molly's husband had not yet arrived into the Bay area, so Molly had to be both shooter and mom at the same time.



For the Pride whose record dropped to 12-4, Vicky Chapman and Sue Peters had 20 points each, while Heidi Wayment added 17.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	39	6	24			16	18	0	3	3	2	5	3	7	1	28	0.795
Draving , Doris	50	27	5	7			6	8	4	5	9	0	5	2	5	1	16	0.815
Dunkle, Nancy	40	Out with the Flu																
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	44	11	20			4	5	4	5	9	3	5	1	4	0	26	0.864
Hicks, Cardie	10	28	5	10			3	4	1	4	5	8	6	0	2	0	13	1.143
McKinney, Musiette	33	34	4	8			1	2	0	5	5	2	5	1	3	0	9	0.471
Nestor, Heidi	51	Out with the Flu																
Ortega, Anita	11	Family Death - Grandmother																
Uhl, Joan	24	31	0	3			4	9	2	2	4	1	5	2	1	0	4	0.355
Washington, Suzanne	22	Out with the Flu																
Williams, Roberta	1	37	6	13			2	2	0	3	3	9	6	1	4	0	14	0.865
Totals		240	37	85	0	0	36	48	11	27	38	25	37	10	26	2	110	0.758
			FG%	43.5%			FT%	75.0%	Team Rebs		2							

New Orleans Pride																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	30	2	6			4	9	5	4	9	0	5	1	4	2	8	0.467
Blalock, Sybil	10	39	3	5			8	10	1	3	4	3	3	3	6	0	14	0.538
Brogdon, Cindy	44	20	2	11			0	0	0	4	4	1	5	1	2	0	4	0.450
Chapman, Vicky	30	26	8	15			4	4	2	5	7	1	5	0	4	0	20	0.962
Farrah, Sharon	11	22	1	3			4	4	0	7	7	5	0	0	4	0	6	0.864
Feeney, Eileen	55	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000
Forest, Augusta	31	16	1	4			0	0	1	2	3	0	6	2	2	0	2	0.313
Hardy, Bertha	33	23	3	9			2	2	2	5	7	0	0	0	2	1	8	0.565
Peters, Sue	23	35	9	15			2	5	1	2	3	2	6	2	10	0	20	0.543
Wayment, Heidi	22	27	6	9	0	1	5	6	3	11	14	1	5	0	1	0	17	1.185
Totals		240	35	77	0	1	29	40	15	43	58	13	35	9	35	3	99	0.654
			FG%	45.5%			FT%	72.5%	Team Rebs		1							

Change for the Pioneers was inevitable, as Coach Meminger stated:

"Yes, I'm rebuilding," said Meminger, who promises more trades. "It's taken me 2 1/2 weeks to decide who I want to keep and who I don't. These were (former coach) Frank LaPorte's players which I inherited. That doesn't mean they're my players."

Personnel changes had been taking place right from the start. This included waiving Debbie Ricketts, and trading Beverly Crusoe. On January 20th the Pioneers traded 6'3" Nancy Dunkle to the Minnesota Fillies for 6'5" Katrina Owens. Yet Owens never reported to the Pioneers, so the team had an opening.

On Thursday January 22nd the (7-5) Chicago Hustle came to the Civic Auditorium. The Hustle, who began the year 4-1, but then watched their coach, Bill Gleason, become hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer. Under assistant coach, Ed Smythe, the team went 1-3 for a 5-4 record. Coach Gleason returned and this was his third game since his hospitalization.

Just like the New Orleans game the Pioneers pleased the crowd of 1,822 by taking control with a 10-0 opener, which became 18-4 and then 28-11, thanks to 16 Hustle turnovers. The Pioneers 53-37 halftime lead became 64-39 early in the 3rd quarter. The largest lead was 26 which became 76-54 after three quarters.

Yet in the 4th quarter, a press by the Hustle ended up with the Pioneers committing numerous turnovers as the lead began to dwindle. With just four minutes left the lead was down to eight, and then down to four with :53 on the clock. But several Hustle turnovers gave the Pioneers a 93-87 victory as their record improved to 6-10, while the Hustle fell to 7-5.

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin who had 30 points, but was still struggling to find her stroke from the field as she shot 10-24. Cindy Haugejorde added 26 points and 13 rebounds. Cardie Hicks had 11 assists to go along with 11 points.

The Hustle, who thought in the pre-season that they would be undefeated this season had five players with double figures of 19, 18, 17, 16, and 11. Inge Nissen not only had 19 points, but 15 rebounds, a technical, and six fouls.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat			
Bolin, Molly	32	44	10	24	10	12		6	6	2	1				30	0.909			
Draiving , Doris	50	20	0	2	0	0		7	7	0	6				0	350			
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	39	12	18	2	6		13	13	1	4				26	1.051			
Hicks, Cardie	10	35	5	17	1	2		7	7	11	4				1	8	11	0.943	
McKinney, Musiette	33	29	3	3	0	0		8	8	3	5				6	0.690			
Nestor, Heidi	51	12	0	1	2	3		3	3	0	2				2	0.417			
Ortega, Anita	11	Family Death - Grandmother																	
Uhl, Joan	24	25	0	5	4	4		8	8	0	4				4	0.480			
Washington, Suzanne	22	Out with the Flu																	
Williams, Roberta	1	34	5	10	4	4	4	4	0	4	4	14	0.647						
Adjustment		2										7	22	0					
Totals		240	35	80	23	31	0	56	56	17	30	12	30	0	93	0.688			
			FG%	43.8%	FT%	74.2%	Team Rebs												

Chicago Hustle																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Caldwell, Breena	30	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000	
Candler, Belinda	24	30	5	11	6	8		8	0	2	16				0.800		
Digitale, Sue	21	23	1	7	0	0		8	8	1	3				2	0.522	
Easterling, Rita	15	31	7	10	4	5		2	2	7	4				18	1.097	
Fincher, Janie	10	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000	
Geils, Donna	14	21	0	6	0	0		3	3	2	4				8	0	-0.048
Hodgson, Pat	11	Name not in Newspaper															
Matthews, Linda	12	Name not in Newspaper															
Mayo, Paula	25	39	5	18	1	2		8	8	2	3				11	0.590	
McWhorter, Charlene	41	10	2	8	0	1		4	4	1	1				4	1.000	
Nissen, Inge	42	40	7	24	5	7	15	15	3	6	19	1.000					
White, Ethel	20	44	8	14	1	2	8	8	5	5	6	8	17	0.750			
Adjustment												7	17				
Totals		240	35	98	17	25	0	56	56	21	28	13	33	0	87	0.688	
			FG%	35.7%	FT%	68.0%	Team Rebs					16 turovers - 1st Qtr					

With the folding of the New England Gulls it was inevitable that quality players would end up with established teams. On the 22nd of January the Pioneers signed a player that could have been a female clone of Coach Dean Meminger. Her name was Anita "Sister" Green, who was also another former member of the Iowa Cornets. Green had averaged 7.2 points and 2.5 assists while with New England.

At this point the "Pio-nets" or the "Corn-o-neers" had Molly Bolin, Doris Draving, Joan Uhl, Tanya Crevier, and now Sister Green on their roster.

As of January 23rd, the Pioneers would have eight days to rest, regroup, and become better acquainted with their demanding coach. Since the beginning of the year when Dean Meminger took over, the team had only one period of four days in a row to thoroughly practice. Now was the opportunity for Meminger to work his plan.

On January 29th the Pioneers traded their "retired" player Pat Mayo to the Minnesota Fillies for future considerations.

A glimpse of the standing as of the end of January looks as follows:

<u>Coastal</u>					<u>Central</u>				
New Orleans	14	7	.667	---	Nebraska	13	3	.813	---
New Jersey	13	7	.650	.5	Chicago	8	6	.571	4.0
Dallas	10	6	.625	1.5	Minnesota	5	11	.313	8.0
San Francisco	6	10	.375	5.5	St. Louis	4	15	.211	10.5
New England	2	10	- Disbanded						

The third game of this four-game home stand was played on Sunday February 1st against the (4-15) St. Louis Streak. The Streak who started the year 0-9, would be introducing their newest player, All-Pro Alfreda Abernathy. On January 23rd the Dallas Diamonds traded Abernathy, who averaged 27 points and 15 rebounds the previous year to the Streak for several draft picks and the rights to Jackie Swaim of the University of Texas.

1,537 fans came out to the Civic Auditorium to see how the Pioneers responded to a Dean Meminger training camp. Instead of taking a big lead, like the previous two games, the Pioneers found themselves going scoreless for six minutes in the 1st quarter and falling behind 26-19. St. Louis increased their lead to 14 before San Francisco could cut it back to 54-43.



The Pioneer defense finally began to kick in as they held the Streak to only 10 3rd quarter points. While the Pioneers scored 20 on the back of Molly Bolin who had 16 points that quarter. Coach Meminger was glad the score was now 64-63, but not pleased that the players were depending on Bolin too much. The two teams battled evenly so that with 1:05 left Doris Draving gave the Pioneers a 92-90 lead. After the Streak tied the score at 92, they made sure that Bolin couldn't

get off a shot. This led to a turnover and a Patricia Roberts' basket. The final score of 96-92 ended the Pioneers two-game winning streak.

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin's 33 on a more "Bolin-like" shooting night of 12 of 24. Doris Draving was the only other player with double figures, 14. What bothered Coach Meminger the most was the lack of blocking out for rebounds. While the Streak had two players 6'3" or over and their rebound edge was 62-43, it was not size but lack of fundamentals that aggravated him.

The Streak were led by 6'1" Olympian and veteran Patricia Roberts who had 25 points and 14 rebounds, while 6'4" Lydia Johnson had 17 points and 14 rebounds. Even 5'7" Pearl Moore grabbed 12 rebounds.

San Francisco Pioneers																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Bolin, Molly	32	39	12	24	9	11	1	4	5	1	2	3	3	0	33	1.026		
Draving , Doris	50	31	4	10	6	6	6	3	9	0	5	2	4	1	14	0.677		
Green, Anita	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1.000		
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	34	4	15	0	0	4	6	10	0	4	1	1	0	8	0.529		
Hicks, Cardie	10	20	3	8	1	2	0	0	0	3	5	1	1	0	7	0.650		
McKinney, Musiette	33	15	1	4	1	2	0	2	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	0.533		
Nestor, Heidi	51	22	3	7	0	2	1	4	5	1	2	3	2	1	6	0.636		
Ortega, Anita	11	23	2	9	3	4	3	2	5	3	1	3	2	1	7	0.826		
Uhl, Joan	24	26	1	6	4	4	1	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	6	0.346		
Washington, Suzanne	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1.000		
Williams, Roberta	1	25	2	3	4	4	1	3	4	3	3	2	5	0	8	0.600		
Totals		240	32	86	28	35	17	26	43	15	29	17	22	3	92	0.667		
			FG%	37.2%	FT%	80.0%	Team Rebs		2									

St. Louis Streak																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfreda	52	15	5	7	4	5	0	8	8	0	5	0	1	0	14	1.400	
Booker, Betty	20	21	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	0	2	0.333	
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	25	2	6	0	0	2	1	3	1	3	0	2	1	4	0.280	
Fuller, Mary	22	21	0	2	4	4	3	2	5	0	2	1	6	0	4	0.190	
Johnson, Lydia	50	32	5	19	7	12	6	8	14	0	4	0	6	1	17	0.781	
Jones, Linnell	1	38	4	11	5	5	0	2	2	4	5	2	6	0	13	0.500	
Moore, Pearl	12	39	5	15	5	6	4	8	12	4	3	4	2	0	15	0.949	
Pope, Rowanna	11	Name not in Newspaper															
Roberts, Patricia	44	36	10	14	5	6	5	9	14	6	5	4	6	1	25	1.361	
Thompson, Rosie	10	13	0	0	2	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.385	
Totals		240	31	75	34	44	21	41	62	18	30	12	32	3	96	0.725	
			FG%	41.3%	FT%	77.3%	Team Rebs		1								

The final game of this home stand took place the next day, Monday February 2nd against the (14-3) Nebraska Wranglers. Even though it was a Monday the Pioneers just won two of their last three and were facing the best team in the league. What was the Bay area response:

Money was not being spent at the Civic Auditorium box office window last night. Half an hour before game time there were by actual count 30 people seated, including friends of the players. With 10 minutes to go a quick tabulation showed the "crowd" had built to 115.

And finally? Well, no one but management knows for sure because after the game it was announced that the attendance mysteriously was unavailable. A consensus at the press table was that about 350 probably was a fair number. And this was all on 1/2 price family night.

Out on the court things were much different as the points were quite plentiful. The Wranglers had a 31-26 lead, which got up to 35-26 before the Pioneers fought back to take the lead five minutes later. The Wranglers went in to the half ahead 57-51, with Rosie Walker scoring 21 of those points.

After being down by eight points the Pioneers came back to tie the score at 84 after three quarters. In the first 3:12 of the 4th quarter behind Molly Bolin's shooting the Pioneers went on an 11-6 run for a 95-90 advantage. But the Pioneers couldn't handle Rosie Walker who added 27 points in the second half. In the final 8:58 the Pioneers were outscored 32-16 for a 122-111 Wrangler victory.

Molly Bolin had 28 points, while Anita Ortega had 20 and Cindy Haugejorde added 19, along with nine rebounds. For the Wranglers Rosie Walker was in some rarefied air as she had 48 points and 20 rebounds. Her 48 points came from 18-22 from the field with 11 offensive rebounds. This was all done in only 37 minutes, giving her an off the charts Efficiency Rating of 1.838. Charlotte Lewis' 14 points and 17 rebounds in 30 minutes seemed miniscule in comparison.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	43	8	23	0	1	12	12	0	1	1	2	3	5	5	0	28	0.767
Draving, Doris	50	30	4	7			5	7	3	4	7	0	6	0	3	0	13	0.567
Green, Anita	32	3	0	0			0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0.000
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	41	9	20			1	1	4	5	9	0	3	1	3	2	19	0.634
Hicks, Cardie	10	30	7	12			0	0	0	2	2	7	4	1	3	0	14	0.933
McKinney, Musiette	33	16	3	6			0	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	6	0.625
Nestor, Heidi	51	16	0	0			6	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	6	0.313
Ortega, Anita	11	28	3	10			14	23	3	5	8	1	4	3	3	0	20	1.071
Uhl, Joan	24	11	0	1			1	2	0	3	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0.273
Washington, Suzanne	22	2	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.500
Williams, Roberta	1	20	2	7			0	2	1	1	2	6	0	1	4	0	4	0.750
Totals		240	36	86	0	1	39	55	13	21	34	17	34	12	25	2	111	0.692
			FG%	41.9%			FT%	70.9%	Team Rebs		1							

Nebraska Wranglers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Beasley, Genia	34	12	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	0.333	
Chason, Carol	10	41	5	12	2	2	2	5	7	2	4	3	3	0	12	0.561	
Flora, Janet	32	Name not in Box Score															
Greene, Vivian	14	5	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	1.400	
Jordan, Kim	30	15	4	9	0	1	3	1	4	1	2	1	1	0	8	0.933	
Kunzmann, Connie	44	15	1	3	3	4	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	5	0.667	
Lewis, Charlotte	50	30	6	10	2	2	4	13	17	2	5	1	2	2	14	1.133	
Rajcula, Jody		Name not in Box Score															
Taylor, Susan	24	35	7	12	4	5	2	5	7	3	6	3	9	0	18	0.714	
Walker, Rosie	40	37	18	22	12	13	11	9	20	1	3	1	3	0	48	1.838	
Warlick, Holly	22	32	2	7	1	1	0	2	2	8	5	0	13	0	5	0.313	
Wright, Josephine	42	18	2	4	3	9	0	2	2	4	4	2	7	0	7	0.667	
Totals		240	47	87	28	39	23	41	64	24	36	12	39	2	122	0.863	
			FG%	54.0%	FT%	71.8%	Team Rebs		1								

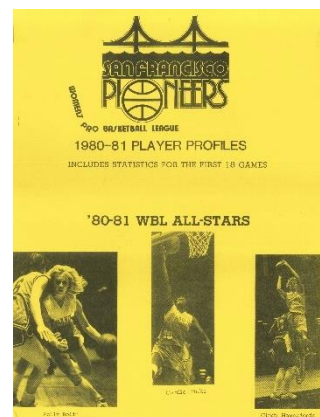
Coach Meminger was going to get what he wanted, another nine-day break between games. Except this time there was the WBL All-Star game in the midst. This didn't change the plans Meminger had for his team. With a record of 6-12, which was just the halfway point, it seemed that the team was preparing for next season. With teams like Dallas, New Jersey, and New Orleans ahead of them the Pioneers were not going to make the playoffs.

So, during this nine-day break the following happened. On February 2nd the Pioneers signed former Milwaukee Bucks All-Star Gerry Booker. The 5'10" forward was a rebounding fiend with a hunger for the ball and that was what the Pioneers were missing. This was Gerry's 2nd time on the Pioneers. This was also the 5th team she had been on, with her last one being the defunct New England Gulls.

Also, on February 2nd the Pioneers signed Sheryl Pate a 5'10" forward who played at Cal State – Los Angeles and was a part of the Pioneers training camp this year. Negotiations for two more trades were taking place, but they would happen after the All-Star game.

The All-Star game was February 9, 1981 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This game was a showcase for a Ladies Professional Basketball Association team, the New Mexico Energy, who were petitioning the WBL for a place in the league. This effort was because of the former coach and spokesman for the league, Norm Ellenberger. Norm's connections and association with New Mexico were legendary. Therefore, when 3,378 (in a 6,000 seat arena) attended the All-Star game it made their prospects for their admittance look good.

One of Norm's requests was that Molly Bolin be added to the All-Star game, because while she was in the L.P.B.A. she was averaging over 40 points a game (in about 4-5 games). Molly was considered "one-of-them" and it would look great for the LPBA.



Each team in the WBL had two representatives, but the Pioneers were allowed to place three players. The Pioneer reps were: #1 draft pick Cindy Haugejorde, Cardie Hicks, and Molly Bolin.

In what must have been a frustrating game for the defensive-minded East coach, Steve Kirk, the West had a 35-29 1st quarter lead. This lead increased to 61-44 at the half. The West, coached by Greg Williams of the Dallas Diamonds, made sure his squad didn't let up. A 34-17 3rd quarter made the score 95-61, which led to the final score of 125-92. At one point in the game Coach Williams approached Coach Kirk and asked him to back off if Cardie Hicks stole the ball, because at 5'8" Cardie could dunk. Late in the 4th quarter the opportunity presented itself and the crowd didn't know what was about to happen, but as Cardie got a head of the field, she lost control of the ball before she could elevate and really excite the crowd.

For the West Molly Bolin didn't disappoint the crowd and she proved she belonged with the best by scoring 29 points on 13-20 from the field in only 22 minutes. This was Molly's 3rd All-Star game, which were as many games as teammates Althea Gwyn and Janice Thomas.

Nancy Lieberman added 20 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5 steals in only 24 minutes which made her the All-Star MVP. For the first time in three years the award wasn't given to a player from the losing team. Carol Blazejowski had 20 points in 21 minutes.

For the losing East squad Inge Nissen had 23 points and 7 rebounds in 29 minutes.

Nebraska's Rosie Walker was the second highest scorer with 13 points in 21 minutes.

Supposedly players on the winning team received \$300 each, while the losing players received \$150 each.

During the break Dean Meminger, who was last year's All-Star losing coach, was burning up the phone lines. Meminger traded All-Star guard Anita Ortega, who was averaging 14.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists to the Minnesota Fillies for future considerations.

By adding two new players and moving in two new players the (6-12) Pioneers were struggling for some continuity. On February 11th the Pioneers found themselves in Chicago at Alumni Hall to play the (8-9) Hustle. A crowd of only 1,247 came out this Wednesday to watch the Hustle take a 29-23 lead, which they expanded to 65-58 at the half. Molly Bolin's 26 at the half was almost half the Pioneer points.

Slowly the Hustle began to distance themselves from the Pioneers with a 3rd quarter advantage and a 99-84 lead. In the 4th quarter the Pioneers got within 10 (120-110) with 4:45 remaining. The Hustle then went on a 23-6 stomping to win 143-116 and lower the Pioneers record to 6-13. The Hustle got back to .500 at 9-9.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	34	12	22		1	17	22			5	5	1	5		7	41	1.206
Booker, Gerry	51	22	0	2			3	4			2	2	0	3			3	0.227
Draving, Doris	50	26	5	9			2	2			9	9	0	5		3	12	0.808
Green, Anita	32	16	0	2			2	2			0	0	2	2			2	0.375
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	37	7	15			2	2			9	9	2	5			16	0.784
Hicks, Cardie	10	37	7	16			1	2			3	3	2	5		8	15	0.378
McKinney, Musiette	33	28	2	11			7	13			7	7	9	2		4	11	1.429
Pate, Sheryl	40		0				0	0				0					0	
Uhl, Joan	24	12	1	4			0	0			6	6	0	6			2	0.667
Washington, Suzanne	22	Name Not in Newspapers																
Williams, Roberta	1	28	6	12			2	3			4	4	4	1			14	0.929
Adjustment														7	18			
Totals		240	40	93	0	1	36	50	0	45	45	20	34	11	33	3	116	0.746
			FG%	43.0%			FT%	72.0%	Team Rebs									

Chicago Hustle						Red - Gwyn & Nissen split rebounds ? #'s too equal										Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Candler, Belinda	24	26	9	12	3	4	7	8	8	2	1				21	1.269	
Critelli, Cris	22	17	3	9	8	11		5	5	4	6				14	1.588	
Digitale, Sue	21	8	0	2	2	2		4	4	2	0				2	1.250	
Easterling, Rita	15	15	1	3	0	0		3	3	8	0				2	1.400	
Fincher, Janie	10	10	2	7	0	0		2	2	1	1				4	0.800	
Geils, Donna	14	16	1	7	0	2		2	5	2	2				0.875		
Gwyn, Althea	44	37	10	20	2	3		7	14	3	6				22	1.135	
Kilday, Pam	26	3	0	4	0	0		2	2	3	0				0	2.667	
Matthews, Linda	12	7	2	4	0	1		1	1	0	3				4	0.714	
Mayo, Paula	25	35	9	16	3	4		9	9	3	4				21	0.857	
Nissen, Inge	42	35	10	29	10	15	13	13	26	1	6	30	1.657				
White, Ethel	20	31	9	14	3	6	5	5	5	5	21	1.290					
Adjustment							2	-2				11	18				
Totals		240	56	127	31	48	22	59	81	37	34	15	24	5	143	1.204	
			FG%	44.1%	FT%	64.6%	Team Rebs										

The 116 points scored was a new record for the Pioneers, breaking their old record of 114 against the same Hustle on December 4, 1979. And the 143 given up obliterated their old record of 122, which was just established nine days ago against the Wranglers. So scoring wasn't their problem, as Molly Bolin had 41 and five others had double figures.

The problem was with their big people and rebounding. The Pioneers pulled down 45 total rebounds, while the Hustle had 42 *Offensive* rebounds and 81 Total rebounds. For Chicago Inge Nissen became a member of the 20-20 club with 30 points and 26 rebounds. Althea Gwyn, the All-Pro addition from the New England Gulls added 22 points and 14 rebounds, while Ethel White, Belinda Candler, and Paula Mayo all had 21 points each. As a team the Hustle had an unprecedented Efficiency Rating of 1.204.

This four-game road trip hadn't started off well and the (6-13) Pioneers now had to play the (16-4) Wranglers in Omaha at the Civic Auditorium, the very next day. The Wranglers were going to play this game wearing black arm bands in memory of their slain teammate, Connie Kunzmann, who was killed back in early February. This would also be a difficult game for all the former Iowa Cornets who were playing for the Pioneers, because they all played with Connie for two seasons.



Since the Pioneers had given up 265 points in the last two games you would have expected a defensive effort. The 1,015 who came to cheer saw the Pioneers go up 15-2 in the first few minutes. But the Wranglers kept digging away until they only trailed by two, 30-28. At the half the two teams were tied at 55.

The two teams were tied six times in the 3rd quarter before the Wranglers went on a 14-4 run and went ahead 85-76 with 1:34 remaining. The Wranglers were up 87-82 after three quarters. They then made the first four baskets of the 4th quarter and the score ballooned to 95-82. As noted, by Coach Meminger, the Pioneers just ran out of gas and were outscored 31-20, for a

118-102 Wrangler victory. The Wranglers improved to 17-4, while the Pioneers fell to 6-14 and were in the midst of a four-game losing streak.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	32	36	14	27	4	6		8	8	1	5		7	1	32	0.972
Booker, Gerry	51	11	1	1	0	3		0	0	0	0				2	0.182
Draving, Doris	50	36	2	9	2	6		13	13	0	5				6	0.528
Green, Anita	32	27	3	5	0	0		1	1	2	3	3			6	0.519
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	38	9	15	1	3		11	11	0	5				19	0.789
Hicks, Cardie	10	29	7	19	1	1		3	3	1	4				15	0.690
McKinney, Musiette	33	9	2	5	0	2		0	0	0	3	3			4	0.778
Pate, Sheryl	40	19	2	2	3	3		8	8	1	0				7	0.895
Uhl, Joan	24	13	1	2	0	0		0	0	0	3				2	0.154
Washington, Suzanne	22	Name Not in Newspapers														
Williams, Roberta	1	22	4	10	1	2		3	3	1	4	3			9	0.773
Adjustment												7	17			
Totals		240	45	95	12	26	0	47	47	6	32	16	24	1	102	0.638
			FG%	47.4%	FT%	46.2%	Team Rebs									

Nebraska Wranglers																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Beasley, Genia	34	20	7	15	1	3		7	7	0	2			1	15	1.100
Chason, Carol	10	43	6	11	5	6		8	8	6	5				17	0.860
Flora, Janet	32	18	4	9	3	4		1	1	4	4	3			11	1.278
Greene, Vivian	14	5	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	0				0	0.200
Jordan, Kim	30	1	0	0	1	3		0	0	0	0				1	1.000
Lewis, Charlotte	50	31	5	12	0	0		9	9	0	4			3	10	0.613
Pope, Peggy	20	2	0	0	1	2		1	1	0	1				1	1.000
Rajcula, Jody		6	0	0	0	0		1	1	0	0				0	0.167
Taylor, Susan	24	30	3	5	8	16		8	8	2	0		5		14	0.700
Walker, Rosie	40	40	14	21	7	10		9	9	1	1				35	1.150
Warlick, Holly	22	24	5	11	0	2		1	1	4	1				10	0.792
Wright, Josephine	42	20	1	3	2	5		3	3	1	0				4	0.450
Adjustment												5	15			
Totals		240	45	87	28	51	0	49	49	18	18	8	20	4	118	0.796
			FG%	51.7%	FT%	54.9%	Team Rebs									

The Pioneers were now consistently being led by Molly Bolin in scoring as she came through with 32 points on 14-27 from the field. All-Star Cindy Haugejorde added 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Cardie Hicks scored 15. Doris Draving had 13 rebounds, but she was having trouble scoring as she shot only 2 of 9 from the field for 6 points.



The Pioneers held Rosie Walker to only 35 on 14-21 from the floor, while six others scored in double figures to complete the Wrangler dominance over the Pioneers.

A name that did not appear in the box score or make the trip to either Chicago or Nebraska was former All-Star and All-Pro Heidi Nestor. That was because on February 13 the Pioneers traded Heidi to the New Orleans Pride for a 1981 3rd round draft pick. A mere 3rd round draft pick for an All-Pro and All-Star shows the Pride knew how badly the Pioneers wanted to get rid of Nestor.

But did the Pioneers know something? Heidi played 12 games with the Pioneers averaging 20 minutes a game, 6.3 points on 39% shooting, and 3 rebounds a game. With New Orleans Heidi appeared in 19 games, averaging 5 minutes a game, 1.4 points on 37% shooting and 1 rebound a game.

Game three of the four game road trip brought the Pioneers to the other league leading team, the Dallas Diamonds. This Sunday afternoon affair attracted 4,562 people (the 13th largest crowd in WBL history) and many of them were looking forward to seeing All-Star Nancy Lieberman play.

Yet after the All-Star game in Albuquerque, Nancy was allowed, by contract, to be a part of the Superstars competition in the Bahamas. She was to return to Dallas for the game against the Minnesota Fillies on February 12th, but she was a no-show. Therefore, this game on the 15th would be her triumphant return – yet she was nowhere to be found again.

Were the Diamonds in turmoil? The local reporters kept demanding an update from Dallas President Dave Almstead. Dave said everything was under control, that Nancy just missed a flight from the Virginia area.

For the Pioneers this was what they needed. A team with issues and their number one player missing. While many in the large crowd were probably disappointed, they were pleased to see the Diamonds take a 27-25 1st quarter lead. Dallas used its quickness to keep the pressure on as they went ahead 52-47 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter the Pioneers fell behind by as much as 15, before they could cut it back to five again at 80-75. Even without Lieberman, again, the Pioneers could not beat the Diamonds as they lost 109-104. Yet while hating to lose Coach Meminger thought this was the Pioneers' best effort of the year.

Molly Bolin's 35 points raised her average to 24.6 per game, 4th best in the WBL. She also added five assists. Cardie Hicks came through with 24 points, six rebounds, and five assists before she fouled out.

For the Diamonds All-Star guard Rosalind Jennings had 27 points and 11 rebounds. Gwen Walker's 20 points, Retha Swindell's 13 rebounds, and Kim Bueltel's 18 points and eight rebounds were enough to overcome the Pioneers. Dallas raised its record to 14-6, while the Pioneers fell to 6-15. For the year San Francisco was 0-6 against Dallas, including the pre-season games.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	46	14	29	0	1	7	10	2	0	2	5	3	2	8	0	35	0.891
Booker, Gerry	51	29	2	7			3	4	8	6	14	1	4	1	4	0	7	0.690
Draving , Doris	50	33	5	9			2	4	3	5	8	0	5	0	4	0	12	0.485
Green, Anita	32	24	1	3			4	5	0	2	2	4	2	2	5	0	6	0.542
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	27	2	6			4	5	2	1	3	0	3	1	1	0	8	0.407
Hicks, Cardie	10	37	12	27			0	0	0	6	6	5	6	3	2	0	24	1.108
McKinney, Musiette	33	Name Not in Newspapers																
Pate, Sheryl	40	3	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-0.333
Uhl, Joan	24	26	2	3			0	2	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	1	4	0.346
Williams, Roberta	1	15	3	6			2	2	2	2	4	4	3	2	0	0	8	1.467
Totals		240	41	91	0	1	22	32	17	25	42	20	31	11	25	1	104	0.717
			FG%	45.1%			FT%	68.8%	Team Rebs		12							

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Barnes, Vanessa	11	25	4	13			1	2	0	2	2	3	4	2	6	0	9	0.520
Browning, Hattie	22	30	2	11			2	5	1	1	2	5	2	4	3	0	6	0.633
Bruton, Cynthia	20	12	2	4			1	3	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	5	0.833
Bueltel, Kim	14	31	5	12			8	11	2	6	8	3	2	2	4	0	18	0.968
French, Joanie	32	Name Not in Newspapers																
Gillom, Peggie	42	10	2	5			2	2	3	2	5	0	3	0	3	0	6	0.800
Jennings, Rosalind	15	41	10	17			7	9	4	7	11	5	2	2	3	0	27	1.146
Lieberman, Nancy	10	No-Show Unexcused Absence																
Sacoco, Katrina	33	11	1	3			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0.091
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	14	4	5			2	5	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	10	0.857
Swindell, Retha	35	35	3	7			0	2	5	8	13	2	4	1	1	0	6	0.657
Walker, Gwen	40	31	7	12			6	8	0	2	2	0	5	2	3	0	20	0.677
Totals		240	40	89	0	0	29	47	19	28	47	20	29	13	25	0	109	0.767
			FG%	44.9%			FT%	61.7%	Team Rebs		8							

Around the 15th the Pioneers made some more roster changes. First, they waived guard Suzanne Washington. Suzanne had played in 14 games averaging 5.8 points on 38% shooting in 17 minutes of play. On the same day the team signed Jody Rajcula, who had recently been a member of the Nebraska Wranglers and before that she was a New England Gull. In 11 games with the Gulls she averaged 9.1 points per game on 40% shooting in 26 minutes per game.

On February 17th the Pioneers were pleased to learn that Molly Bolin had been named WBL Player of the Week.

What is a road trip? If you have four games away from home, but there is a week between game three and four and you went home – does that constitute a four-game road trip? Anyway, the Pioneers had six days between game three in Dallas and game four in New Orleans.

There was a drastic change in atmosphere as the Pioneers went from playing in front of 4,000+ fans in Dallas to 405 fans at the University of New Orleans on Saturday February 21st. The Pioneers, in the midst of a five-game losing streak, and with only five players who began the 1980-81 season with San Francisco took on the (16-9) Pride. Yet this was the same Pride who were 12-3 the last time the two teams met and the Pioneers won, 110-99 a month ago.

Do you believe newspaper box scores can tell you the story of a game? What happens when two newspapers have completely different information? Overall there were 12 pieces of information about this game that were different. Below are the Points by Quarter

Time-Picayune	SF	31	22 (53)	30 (83)	30	113
Oakland Tribune	SF	31	22 (53)	30 (83)	30	113
Time-Picayune	NO	29	32 (61)	33 (94)	32	126
Oakland Tribune	NO	34	35 (69)	38 (107)	19	126

I used the New Orleans Times-Picayune scores, because an article mentioned the score being tied at 67, and the Oakland Tribune box score made this impossible.

This was not going to be a defensive battle as the Pioneers took a 31-29 lead. The Pride went into the half leading 61-53, with the help of fouls and free throws. Dean Meminger made sure the refs were aware of the foul and free throw discrepancy as the Pride had an obvious "Home-Court" advantage.

The Pioneers came out and tied the score at 67 with 7:49 on the clock. This caused Pride Coach Butch vanBreda Kolff to pick up two quick technicals and get ejected. Assistant Coach Ray Scott took over and so did the Pride behind Heidi Wayment and Sue Peters, as they led 94-83 after three quarters. In the end the Pioneers finally succumbed, 126-113. It had been 20 days since the Pioneers held a team under 100 as they'd given up 618 points in five games, a 123.3 average.

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Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	41	13	27			9	10		1	1	2	4				35	0.976
Booker, Gerry	51	27	2	8			2	2		9	9	0	5				6	0.556
Draving, Doris	50	30	6	9			8	19		12	12	0	5				20	1.067
Green, Anita	32	17	1	4			0	0		2	2	2	4				2	0.471
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	27	7	10			2	2		7	7	1	4				16	0.926
Hicks, Cardie	10	25	6	10			0	0		3	3	7	5				12	1.160
McKinney, Musiette	33	14	2	9			2	2		4	4	2	3				6	1.000
Pate, Sheryl	40	18	2	4			3	3		3	3	0	3				7	0.556
Rajcula, Jody	11	Name Not in Newspapers																
Uhl, Joan	24	19	1	4			0	0		2	2	0	5				2	0.211
Williams, Roberta	1	22	3	8			1	2		5	5	2	5				7	0.727
Adjustment														7	24			
Totals		240	43	93	0	0	27	40	0	48	48	16	43	7	24	0	113	0.733
			FG%	46.2%			FT%	67.5%		Team Rebs	9							

New Orleans Pride																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	10	3	3			1	1		3	3	1	6				7	1.200
Blalock, Sybil	10	45	8	14			1	1		3	3	9	3				17	0.844
Brogdon, Cindy	44	Injured - Ankle																
Chapman, Vicky	30	37	6	12			14	18		15	15	3	3				26	1.270
Farrah, Sharon	11	Injured - Ankle																
Forest, Augusta	31	35	7	14			7	9		10	10	2	3				21	1.000
Hardy, Bertha	33	38	4	8			6	6		4	4	2	4				14	0.579
Nestor, Heidi	34	1	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000
Peters, Sue	23	42	6	14			17	23		4	4	7	4				29	1.119
Swilley, Kathy	15	4	0	3			0	0		1	1	0	1				0	0.250
Wayment, Heidi	22	23	4	6			3	4		4	4	1	4				11	0.739
Williams, Cindy ???		5	0	1			1	3		2	2	2	0				1	1.400
Adjustment															22			
Totals		240	38	75	0	0	50	65	0	46	46	27	28	0	22	0	126	0.850
			FG%	50.7%			FT%	76.9%		Team Rebs	12							

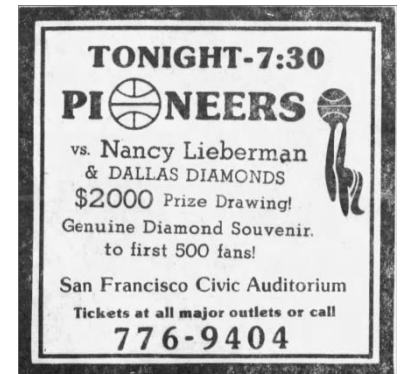
As usual Molly Bolin led the way with 35, while Doris Draving added 20 points by making six baskets and hitting only 8 of 19 from the line, to go with 12 rebounds. For the Pride Sue Peters had 29, including 17 of 23 from the line, along with seven assists. Vicky Chapman was next with 26 of which 14 of 18 were from the line. Three players in the game took 60 free throws. A Pride player who could have had a spectacular game was Kathy Andrykowski as she had 7 points, but she fouled out after only 10 minutes.

On Sunday February 22nd the Pioneers returned home with a record of 6-16 and a six-game losing streak. Yet their next game on Friday the 27th would be their only home game before an upcoming five-game road trip. Therefore, the Pioneers, from February 3rd to March 12th would play only one home game.

The Pioneers were going to try and break two six-game losing streaks. The current one they were experiencing and the 0-6 record they had against the Dallas Diamonds this season. Dallas came in with a 17-7 record having beaten the Minnesota Fillies the night before 96-76. The good news for the 2,880 fans that came out to support the Pioneers at the Civic Auditorium was that Nancy



Lieberman was with the team.



After a game in New Orleans where the referees were front and center the Pioneers were hoping for a smooth performance with no fireworks. The fans were in top form as they stomped and yelled and added an electricity to the air.

Dallas had a 15-13 lead when Dallas coach Greg Williams picked up a technical. After the Bolin free throw the Diamonds stretched their lead to 25-16. Both Bolin and Lieberman had nine points in the 1st quarter.

In the 2nd quarter Dallas started their second team and they increased the score to 39-21 with 8:35 to play. After a 9-0 Pioneer run the Pioneers were back at 39-30. The Diamonds began to accumulate fouls (Barnes 4, Lieberman 3, Walker 3, and Jennings 3) while the Pioneers accumulated foul shots. This caused the fans to get louder and even more into the game. The 50-46 halftime score would seem insignificant to an outside observer.

In the 3rd quarter Dallas had a 68-60 lead. Yet Dallas coach Greg Williams had been tirelessly working the refs trying to get more equitable calls. Not surprisingly, he was hit with his second technical and ejected. The Diamonds were now being led by an assistant coach with no coaching experience. Yet Dallas held on for an 85-82 3rd quarter lead, with Lieberman scoring 10 that quarter.

The following account will give you an idea of why this game took three hours and two minutes to play.

One of the hopes for the Pioneers was the foul situation:

For Dallas: Jennings 5, Lieberman 4, Barnes 4, Browning 4, and Walker 4.

For San Francisco: Hicks had 5, but only three others had as many as three.

The Pioneers scored the first eight points of the 4th quarter for a 90-85 lead. Then after trading baskets Dallas returned the favor with a 12-0 run to make the score 99-92. Dallas took a solid 104-97 lead with about four minutes left when All-Star Rosalind Jennings fouled out – her only disqualification of the year.

The Pioneers closed it to 106-103 with 2:31 remaining, as they called their required under three minute timeout. Dallas upped the score to 110-105 lead with 1:39 left. Then the Pioneers scored six points in 38 seconds to take a 111-110 lead. When Dallas took their time-out, the fans were going berserk.

After some exchange of fouls, the Pioneers were up 113-110 with 23 seconds left. Dallas made a basket with six seconds left to make the score 113-112. Musiette McKinney was fouled on the inbounds pass and four seconds left on the clock. McKinney calmly made both free throws for a 115-112 lead.

A Dallas time-out gave them the ball at half court for a desperation play. To keep Lieberman from hitting a three pointer she was fouled with one second left. As she stepped to the line the PA system was blaring, "Another One Bites the Dust" and "Nah, Nah, Hey, Hey, Good Bye."

Lieberman made the first, and knowingly missed the second deliberately. The Diamonds, using a now illegal free throw formation designed by the inexperienced coach, placed Kim Bueltel on the baseline to the right of the lane. When Lieberman missed the 2nd free throw, Kim Bueltel stepped in and tapped in the rebound to tie the score at 115. The Civic Auditorium went silent and a low groan filled the emptiness.

The overtime was another back and forth affair with neither team able to get up more than two. With 2:32 left Lieberman picked up her 6th foul, and a technical. The Pioneers took a 126-123 with 1:20 left, which became 127-126 Dallas' favor 22 seconds later (:58).

Doris Draving made two free throws at :15 to give the Pioneers a 128-127 lead. The Pioneers made sure they didn't foul and they caused the Diamonds to be disrupted from their set play. A loose ball ended up in guard Vanessa Barnes' hands and she hit a baseline jumper with :02 on the clock. Dallas was up 129-128.

After a timeout the Pioneers set up Molly Bolin to take the last shot. Her sideline jumper fell short and the Pioneers lost, 129-128, for their seventh consecutive loss.

Cardie Hicks was able to avoid her sixth foul as she scored 34 points with seven assists and seven rebounds. Yet it was Molly Bolin's 35 that led the way for the Pioneers. Doris Draving came through with 19 points and 14 rebounds.

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Bolin, Molly	44	43	11	27			13	18	1	5	6	0	3	0	2	0	35	0.907	
Booker, Gerry	51	26	2	5			2	5	2	6	8	0	5	0	1	0	6	0.500	
Draving , Doris	50	40	5	9			9	18	7	7	14	0	2	2	1	0	19	0.850	
Green, Anita	32	5	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	-0.200	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	36	8	15			0	0	2	3	5	1	3	1	2	0	16	0.611	
Hicks, Cardie	10	36	12	25			10	18	5	2	7	7	5	1	2	0	34	1.500	
McKinney, Musiette	33	32	3	6			7	10	1	4	5	7	6	2	5	0	13	0.906	
Pate, Sheryl	40	3	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Rajcula, Jody	11	12	0	0			0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0.083	
Uhl, Joan	24	9	0	1			1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.000	
Williams, Roberta	1	23	2	6			0	0	0	1	1	3	4	1	1	0	4	0.478	
Totals		265	43	95	0	0	42	71	19	30	49	19	31	7	20	0	128	0.762	
			FG%	45.3%			FT%	59.2%	Team Rebs		2								

Dallas Diamonds																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Barnes, Vanessa	11	26	4	8			0	0	0	3	3	2	5	2	4	0	8	0.500	
Browning, Hattie	22	28	4	10			0	0	3	1	4	6	6	2	4	0	8	0.786	
Bueltel, Kim	14	40	11	16			6	9	3	7	10	2	6	1	2	2	28	1.025	
French, Joanie	32	Name Not in Newspapers																	
Gillom, Peggie	42	23	4	6			2	3	2	3	5	2	1	0	1	0	10	0.783	
Jennings, Rosalind	15	15	2	10			3	8	2	5	7	3	6	1	3	0	7	1.200	
Lieberman, Nancy	10	31	14	22			5	10	1	10	11	9	6	1	5	0	33	1.871	
Sacoco, Katrina	33	5	1	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.800	
Shoemaker, Cathy	24	23	6	10	0	1	8	10	3	1	4	2	3	0	1	0	20	1.174	
Swindell, Retha	35	45	2	7			1	3	6	8	14	2	6	1	2	1	5	0.489	
Walker, Gwen	40	29	3	6			2	2	0	5	5	2	4	1	4	0	8	0.483	
Totals		265	51	96	0	1	27	45	20	43	63	31	45	9	26	3	129	0.894	
			FG%	53.1%			FT%	60.0%	Team Rebs		0								

Yet this frustrating game for the Pioneers was lost at the free throw line as the Pioneers were given 71 shots, but could only make 42 for 59%.

For Dallas, who had five of their ten players foul out, Nancy Lieberman led the way with 33 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists in only 31 minutes of play. (An amazing Efficiency Rating of 1.871), Kim Bueltel had 28 points and 10 rebounds. Dallas' record improved to 18-7, while the Pioneers fell to 6-17.

As was stated earlier this home game against Dallas was just a slight reprieve in between four games on the road, then five more games on the road. These next five games would be played in seven days (5,6,8,9,& 11).

The first stop was to the Minneapolis Auditorium to play the comparable (7-18) Fillies. They had just broken their own seven-game losing streak with a victory on February 28th against the New Orleans Pride. The Pioneers would be facing two of their former stars, Anita Ortega and Nancy Dunkle, for the first time since they were traded to the Fillies.

A trip to Minnesota meant Molly Bolin would have another crack at setting some scoring records. In fact, it was a year ago (3/2/80) that Molly set the WBL scoring record with 55 against the Fillies. Only six times in WBL history has anyone scored 50 or more points (Molly 4, Carol Blazejowski 1, and Liz Silcott 1). The opponent in all six games were the Minnesota Fillies.

Before a Thursday crowd of 1,736 the two teams came out firing as the Fillies took a 35-29 1st quarter lead. They increased the lead to 61-54 by the half. The Pioneers kept falling further behind as they went into the 4th quarter trailing 93-82. Yet the determined Pioneers would not give up as they outscored the Fillies 30-15 for a 112-108 victory. The Pioneers' losing streak was finally ended as they raised their record to 7-17.

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Bolin, Molly	44	43	14	29	12	14		2	2	1	2	3			40	1.093
Booker, Gerry	51	12	1	2	0	0		1	1	0	3				2	0.250
Drawing , Doris	50	26	4	11	5	10		16	16	1	3				13	1.192
Green, Anita	32	Name not in Newspaper														
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	35	6	12	4	4		9	9	3	3	3			16	0.971
Hicks, Cardie	10	33	9	19	0	0		2	2	0	5	3			18	0.697
McKinney, Musiette	33	36	5	12	0	0		7	7	2	3				10	0.583
Pate, Sheryl	40	2	1	2	0	0		2	2	0	0				2	2.000
Rajcula, Jody	11	25	4	7	1	3		7	7	0	3				9	0.640
Uhl, Joan	24	8	0	1	0	0		4	4	0	1				0	0.500
Williams, Roberta	1	18	1	8	0	0		3	3	2	1				2	0.500
Adjustment		2										3	25			
Totals		240	45	103	22	31	0	53	53	9	24	12	25	0	112	0.708
			FG%	43.7%	FT%	71.0%	Team Rebs									

Minnesota Fillies																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Cotman, Angela	21	34	11	18	3	4		9	9	6	2				25	1.353
Daniels, Coco	24	25	4	11	3	5		1	1	1	2				11	0.560
DeLorme, Scooter	32	19	0	3	1	3		3	3	2	2				1	0.421
Dunkle, Nancy	25	27	3	7	2	2		5	5	2	6				8	0.630
Hansen, Kim	44	29	5	8	0	0		8	8	0	6				10	0.621
Harris, Nessie	15	38	5	10	3	4		12	12	4	2				13	0.868
Mason, Debbie	13	2	1	1	0	0		0	0	0	1				2	1.000
Ortega, Anita	33	32	5	18	10	13		4	4	4	4				20	1.000
Wilson, Donna	11	34	8	16	2	2		5	5	2	3	4			18	0.912
Adjustment												10	30			
Totals		240	42	92	24	33	0	47	47	21	28	14	30	0	108	0.754
			FG%	45.7%	FT%	72.7%	Team Rebs									

The Fillies held Molly to a mere 40, while four others had double digits. Doris Drawing's 16 rebounds and her 13 points were just what the Pioneers needed. For Minnesota Angela Cotman had 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists. Anita Ortega showed she was consistent wherever she played, as she had 20 points, while Donna Wilson added 18 points.

The next day the Pioneers took their one-game winning streak to Chicago for a Friday March 6th game against the (14-12) Hustle. In what must have been a super frustrating year the Hustle were almost guaranteed a playoff spot, because the two teams behind them, in the Central

Division, were the 10-18 St. Louis Streak and the 7-19 Minnesota Fillies. As of March 6th the Chicago Hustle had five two-game winning streaks, but never anything more.

Alumni Hall and 1,867 fans came out to celebrate because the game before, in St. Louis, the Hustle reached their team's 10,000th point. For the Pioneers they were hoping to reverse the embarrassment of their last game in Chicago when they lost 143-116 on February 11th.

The Pioneers fell behind quickly 29-21 after one quarter and didn't do much better in the 2nd quarter as they went into the half trailing 64-50. The Pioneers offense improved as they scored 36 and 31 in the next two quarters for a game total of 117. Yet their defense took the night off as the Hustle scored 38 and 38 for a game total of 140. The 140-117 Chicago victory meant the Pioneers were giving up 141.5 points when they played in Alumni Hall. The Hustle improved to 15-12, while the Pioneers were 7-18 and 1-8 since they beat Chicago 93-87 in San Francisco on January 22nd.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	44	36	6	22	6	8	2	1	3	2	5	5	9	0	18	0.583	
Booker, Gerry	51	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Draving , Doris	50	23	6	6	0	1	1	3	4	0	4	0	3	0	12	0.565	
Green, Anita	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	14	21	4	5	6	4	10	3	4	0	1	1	32	1.424	
Hicks, Cardie	10	35	6	16	2	4	2	2	4	5	3	3	5	0	14	0.743	
McKinney, Musiette	33	17	1	4	1	3	0	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	3	0.647	
Pate, Sheryl	40	Name not in Newspaper															
Rajcula, Jody	11	24	5	10	2	4	4	4	8	1	6	1	3	0	12	0.833	
Uhl, Joan	24	28	2	8	1	2	4	2	6	0	5	0	1	0	5	0.357	
Williams, Roberta	1	38	9	17	3	6	1	3	4	5	6	5	5	0	21	0.921	
Totals		240	49	104	19	33	20	20	40	19	38	16	28	1	117	0.763	
			FG%	47.1%	FT%	57.6%	Team Rebs		5								

Chicago Hustle																		Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Candler, Belinda	24	14	5	6			6	10	2	3	5	0	4	1	2	0	16	1.429	
Critelli, Cris	22	33	3	8			2	3	0	1	1	3	2	2	3	0	8	0.424	
Digitale, Sue	21	9	1	3			0	3	2	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.444	
Easterling, Rita	15	30	2	6			4	5	0	4	4	9	3	2	4	0	8	0.933	
Fincher, Janie	10	11	1	5	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	6	1.182	
Geils, Donna	14	17	3	5			6	12	2	2	4	6	3	3	3	1	12	1.647	
Gwyn, Althea	44	41	12	21			10	14	3	15	18	1	4	1	7	1	34	1.171	
Kilday, Pam	26	6	2	2			2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	1.167	
Matthews, Linda	12	17	1	2			1	2	0	3	3	3	3	2	4	0	3	0.588	
Mayo, Paula	25	43	17	32			5	7	8	9	17	2	3	4	1	0	39	1.465	
Nissen, Inge	42	Name not in Box Score															0		
White, Ethel	20	19	2	5			2	4	0	4	4	1	3	0	7	0	6	0.263	
Totals		240	49	95	0	1	42	66	19	44	63	28	27	16	35	2	140	1.000	
			FG%	51.6%			FT%	63.6%	Team Rebs		4								

The Pioneers had six players in double figures with Cindy Haugejorde scoring 32 on 14 of 21 along with 10 rebounds. Roberta Williams had 21 points, five assists, and five steals before she was given her sixth foul. Molly Bolin never found a rhythm as she had 18 points on 6 of 22 from the floor and nine turnovers.

Surprisingly only four Hustle had double figures. Paula Mayo led the way with 39 points and 17 rebounds, while Althea Gwyn, who was filling in at center for Inge Nissen, added 34 points and 18 rebounds.

With East Coast to West Coast travel being so expensive the Pioneers next two games would be in New Jersey at the South Mountain Arena. The first game was Sunday March 9th and a great crowd of 2,617 came out to see if the (16-12) Gems could get themselves back on track. Their 2-4 record after the All-Star break had sent them into 3rd place, but lucky for them the (17-11) New Orleans Pride were also reeling and only one game ahead of them in the standings.

The Gems needed a home victory against a weak team and the Pioneers were just what they needed. Even though there were still 10 games in the season the Pioneers unfortunately didn't have an identity. The Gems took leads of 26-24, 58-55, and 89-83. The 40 points the Gems put on the Pioneers in the 4th quarter gave them 129 which beat their old regulation record of 120. The Pioneers could only muster 30 for 113. The Pioneers were now 7-19, while the Gems were now within ½ game of the playoffs at 17-12.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	44	32	16	29	6	7	2	2	4	3	6	4	2	0	38	1.563	
Booker, Gerry	51	5	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1.400	
Draving , Doris	50	30	2	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	0	2	0	4	0.233	
Green, Anita	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	36	11	16	7	7	2	4	6	3	4	0	3	0	29	1.056	
Hicks, Cardie	10	23	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	8	0.348	
McKinney, Musiette	33	23	3	5	0	0	0	3	3	4	3	0	5	0	6	0.522	
Pate, Sheryl	40	16	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	1	0.063	
Rajcula, Jody	11	19	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0.105	
Uhl, Joan	24	17	1	7	3	4	3	3	6	0	3	1	0	0	5	0.706	
Williams, Roberta	1	39	7	13	2	4	1	2	3	3	2	7	4	0	16	0.718	
Totals		240	46	87	21	29	9	20	29	15	35	14	21	1	113	0.688	
			FG%	52.9%	FT%	72.4%	Team Rebs		14								

New Jersey Gems																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Blazejowski, Carol	12	39	11	21	12	12	3	6	9	2	5	1	1	0	34	1.205	
Comerie, Debbie	34	24	1	2	1	4	3	5	8	0	6	1	1	0	3	0.458	
Feeney, Eileen	55	7	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	0.571	
Gregory, Anne	42	Injured - Back Spasms															
Harris, Willodean	40	38	7	16	2	4	4	8	12	1	3	0	4	1	16	0.684	
Heiss, Tara	44	37	7	11	16	18	1	2	3	7	6	2	5	0	31	1.216	
Marquis, Gail	24	27	2	8	5	7	0	4	4	0	2	1	1	0	9	0.481	
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	14	3	5	4	5	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	10	0.929	
Thomas, Janice	10	43	9	12	4	6	0	4	4	10	2	9	5	0	22	1.163	
Van Ness, Joan	32	11	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	0	1	2	2	0	3	0.545	
Totals		240	41	78	46	61	14	35	49	20	28	17	20	1	129	0.896	
			FG%	52.6%	FT%	75.4%	Team Rebs		9								

The Pioneers were led by Molly Bolin's 38 before she fouled out. Cindy Haugejorde had 29 on 11 of 16 from the floor, while Roberta Williams' 16 was the only other Pioneer in double figures. The Gems were led by the WBL's leading scorer, Carol Blazejowski's 34 and Tara Heiss' 31 and seven assists. Tara's back court mate Janice Thomas added 22 points and 10 assists.

How are back-to-back games dealt with? The Pioneers and Gems met again the next day Monday March 9. As opposed to the 2,617 that came out on a Sunday, only 511 came out to South Mountain Arena on Monday. Why the drastic difference? Was there advertising for Sunday? Was the previous game too much of a blow-out to come back? Is it a Monday?

The two teams came out flying as the Pioneers took a 32-31 1st quarter lead, which they stretched to 59-53 at the half. The Gems took over in the third quarter to take an 80-76 lead. With four minutes left the Gems led 98-95, before they went on a 9-5 run and a 107-100 lead and eventually a 115-106 victory. The Gems improved to 18-12 and the Pioneers fell to 7-20. And to no one's surprise the Pioneers were officially eliminated from the playoffs.

The Pioneers were led by Cardie Hicks' 41 on 18 of 27 from the field. Molly Bolin had 22, while Doris Draving and Cindy Haugejorde added 12 apiece. For the Gems The Blaze came through with 32 points, six rebounds, and six assists. Willodean Harris made her presence known with 24 points and 10 rebounds. The guards, Janice Thomas and Tara Heiss had a battle as to who could make the most assists. Thomas won 14 to 10.

San Francisco Pioneers																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	39	9	22	0	1	4	6	1	2	3	4	2	0	2	0	22	0.795
Booker, Gerry	51	12	2	3			0	0	3	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	4	0.667
Draving, Doris	50	30	5	10			2	4	3	5	8	0	4	0	0	0	12	0.667
Green, Anita	32	Name not in Newspaper																
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	6	12			0	0	0	5	5	0	5	1	1	0	12	0.515
Hicks, Cardie	10	37	18	27			5	7	3	2	5	4	2	2	3	1	41	1.432
McKinney, Musiette	33	32	1	5			5	7	0	4	4	7	0	2	1	0	7	0.813
Pate, Sheryl	40	8	0	1			0	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	0.125
Rajcula, Jody	11	15	0	2			0	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0.133
Uhl, Joan	24	16	1	2			0	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0.188
Williams, Roberta	1	18	3	10			0	0	1	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	6	0.556
Totals		240	45	94	0	1	16	24	12	26	38	17	25	7	14	1	106	0.713
			FG%	47.9%			FT%	66.7%	Team Rebs		14							

New Jersey Gems																		Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	3-M	3-A	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	33	13	26	0	1	6	6	3	3	6	6	4	0	5	0	32	1.364
Comerie, Debbie	34	29	5	6			3	4	4	3	7	1	5	0	3	0	13	0.655
Feeney, Eileen	55	5	0	3			0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.400
Gregory, Anne	42	Injured - Back Spasms																
Harris, Willodean	40	36	11	19			2	2	2	8	10	0	4	1	1	0	24	0.944
Heiss, Tara	44	41	7	9			4	6	0	2	2	10	1	2	1	0	18	1.000
Marquis, Gail	24	29	4	10			6	9	4	8	12	0	3	0	2	0	14	0.828
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	12	2	6			0	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	4	0.583
Thomas, Janice	10	37	5	10			0	0	0	2	2	14	3	2	1	0	10	1.108
Van Ness, Joan	32	18	0	1			0	0	0	2	2	4	0	2	2	0	0	0.556
Totals		240	47	90	0	1	21	27	14	30	44	37	22	7	17	0	115	0.929
			FG%	52.2%			FT%	77.8%	Team Rebs		10							

The final game of this five-game road trip, and the final road trip of the year, brought the Pioneers to St. Louis. In what would have been a great way to end the season, an eight-game homestand, the Pioneers with a 7-20 record, couldn't wait for this season to end.

A game between a 7-20 team and an 11-18 team would seem fairly equal. Except the Streak, who began the year 0-9, were now playing winning basketball. Since their last meeting on February 1, the Pioneers were 1-9, while the Streak were 6-3. A crowd of 904 came out to Kiel Auditorium on this Wednesday evening to watch the Streak take a 29-22 1st quarter lead. The Pioneers fought back to take a 49-48 half time lead.

In what seemed to be a developing pattern the Pioneers ran out of gas by giving up 26 and 30 points over the next two quarters, while, only scoring 22 and 17. The 104-88 Streak victory gave the Pioneers a 1-4 road trip, a four-game losing streak, and a 7-21 record. The Streak improved to 12-18.

Cardie Hicks led the team with 31 on 14 of 23 from the floor, while Molly Bolin was next with 18. A prominent contributor last year, but was rarely heard from this season was Musiette McKinney, who added 12 points.

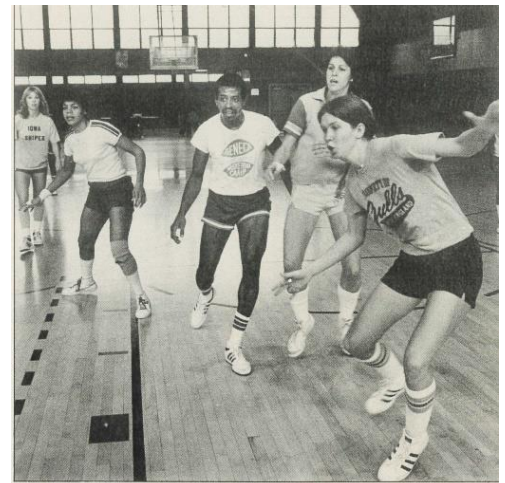
The Streak were led by Patricia Roberts' 29 on 14 of 19 from the floor, and Pearl Moore's 24 points and eight assists.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	44	37	8	15	2	3		2	2	2	4	2			18	0.703	
Booker, Gerry	51	Name not in Newspaper															
Drawing , Doris	50	28	1	7	5	6		8	8	1	3	4				7	0.750
Green, Anita	32	Name not in Newspaper															
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	33	2	6	4	4		8	8	5	3					8	0.788
Hicks, Cardie	10	40	14	23	3	4		2	2	3	3					31	0.975
McKinney, Musiette	33	27	6	11	0	0		4	4	2	1					12	0.741
Pate, Sheryl	40	10	1	3	0	0		2	2	1	1					2	0.600
Rajcula, Jody	11	15	0	3	2	2		7	7	0	3					2	0.600
Uhl, Joan	24	20	1	5	2	2		5	5	0	5					4	0.450
Williams, Roberta	1	30	2	8	0	0		4	4	4	4	3			4	0.633	
Adjustment												4	28				
Totals		240	35	81	18	21	0	42	42	18	27	13	28	0	88	0.629	
			FG%	43.2%	FT%	85.7%	Team Rebs										

St. Louis Streak																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Abernathy, Alfreda	52	22	5	10	2	3		6	6	1	1				12	0.909	
Booker, Betty	20	16	2	4	0	0		3	3	0	3				4	0.438	
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	34	3	6	2	4		1	1	3	3				8	0.441	
Fuller, Mary	22	8	1	3	1	3		1	1	1	1				3	0.750	
Johnson, Lydia	50	23	3	12	4	10		7	7	1	2				10	0.826	
Jones, Linnell	1	43	4	8	2	4		5	5	7	4				4	10	0.767
McWhorter, Charlene	55	10	1	4	2	2		0	0	1	0				4	0.600	
Moore, Pearl	12	42	10	21	4	6		5	5	8	0				24	1.071	
Pope, Rowana	11	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000	
Roberts, Patricia	44	41	14	19	1	2		8	8	3	2				5	29	1.171
Thompson, Rosie	10	Injured															
Adjustment												4	19				
Totals		240	43	87	18	34	0	36	36	25	16	13	19	0	104	0.767	
			FG%	49.4%	FT%	52.9%	Team Rebs										

This first game of this final homestand had the (7-21) Pioneers hosting the (16-13) Chicago Hustle. These were the same Hustle who had put up 143 and 140 the last two times they played the Pioneers. A loyal group of 1,732 fans came out on this Friday to support their Pioneers as they took a 31-25 lead. The lead shrunk to 55-54 at the half. A better than usual 3rd quarter put the Pioneers up by six, 89-83. An even 4th quarter gave the home team and the attending fans the 116-110 victory they were all looking for.

For the Pioneers Molly Bolin scored 32, while Cardie Hicks and Cindy Haugejorde each had 20. The 21 rebounds that Doris Draving pulled down played a major role in the win.



Meminger is often on the court with his players.

The Hustle's Althea Gwyn was showing the flare that made her an All-Pro as she had 19 rebounds along with 36 points and a solid 16 of 20 from the line. The other front line members Inge Nissen and Paul Mayo had 13 and 16 points respectively. Paula's 12 rebounds contributed to the slight rebound advantage (60-58).

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	40	14	35	4	5		4	4	3	2	2			32	1.100
Booker, Gerry	51	18	0	3	1	3		6	6	2	5				1	0.611
Draving , Doris	50	27	1	12	5	8		21	21	1	5				7	1.111
Green, Anita	32	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	1				0	0.667
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	39	9	17	2	4		9	9	3	1				20	0.897
Hicks, Cardie	10	26	7	11	6	6		1	1	6	5	4			20	1.423
McKinney, Musiette	33	24	3	8	0	0		4	4	3	4				6	0.667
Pate, Sheryl	40	18	3	4	0	0		2	2	2	5				6	0.667
Rajcula, Jody	11	14	1	2	2	3		2	2	0	4				4	0.429
Uhl, Joan	24	11	1	3	0	0	6	6	0	5		2	0.727			
Williams, Roberta	1	20	6	7	6	9	3	3	3	4	2	18	1.450			
Adjustment												3	33			
Totals		240	45	102	26	38	0	58	58	24	41	11	33	0	116	0.833
			FG%	44.1%	FT%	68.4%	Team Rebs									

Chicago Hustle															Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Candler, Belinda	24	17	1	3	10	10		4	4	1	3				12	1.059	
Critelli, Cris	22	9	0	1	2	2		0	0	2	1				2	0.667	
Digitale, Sue	21	16	0	3	4	5		3	3	0	0				4	0.438	
Easterling, Rita	15	32	4	7	6	9		4	4	4	5				14	0.813	
Fincher, Janie	10	Name not in Newspaper															
Geils, Donna	14	29	3	10	3	7		4	4	8	3				5	9	1.172
Gwyn, Althea	44	44	10	18	16	20		19	19	0	5				36	1.250	
Matthews, Linda	12	16	1	4	0	0		0	0	1	3				2	0.250	
Mayo, Paula	25	35	6	18	4	5		12	12	2	1				16	0.914	
Nissen, Inge	42	26	5	15	3	3		10	10	3	5				13	1.115	
White, Ethel	20	16	1	7	0	2	4	4	0	3	2	0.375					
Adjustment												6	28				
Totals		240	31	86	48	63	0	60	60	21	29	11	28	0	110	0.813	
			FG%	36.0%	FT%	76.2%	Team Rebs										

The next day, March 14th, the Pioneers were scheduled to play their 7th game in 11 days as the St Louis Streak came to town. Except the Streak chose a different path. They chose to save money on air fare, and housing by *not* coming to San Francisco.

On March 14, 1981 in what would be another black eye and punch to the WBL gut the St. Louis Streak refused to fly out to San Francisco for their scheduled game against the Pioneers. With a 12-18 record and no chance for the playoffs the Streak chose the forfeit.

This would be the 2nd forfeiture in WBL's history. The first being the New England Gulls refusing to play a "home" game in Portland, Maine against these same Pioneers. Therefore the 9-21 Pioneers had two forfeits in their win total. In May, the Board of Governors awarded the Streak's 1st round pick to the Pioneers for refusing to fly to San Francisco on March 14. (The question is did the Board of Governors ever make a decision on the pre-draft signing of Margaret English? Did San Francisco lose any picks?)

San Francisco Pioneers		
Name	No.	Min
Bolin, Molly	44	Forfeit
Booker, Gerry	51	Forfeit
Drawing, Doris	50	Forfeit
Green, Anita	32	Forfeit
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	Forfeit
Hicks, Cardie	10	Forfeit
McKinney, Musiette	33	Forfeit
Pate, Sheryl	40	Forfeit
Rajcula, Jody	11	Forfeit
Uhl, Joan	24	Forfeit
Williams, Roberta	1	Forfeit
Totals	0	

St. Louis Streak		
Name	No.	Min
Abernathy, Alfreda	52	Forfeit
Booker, Betty	20	Forfeit
Cook, Jane Ellen	7	Forfeit
Fuller, Mary	22	Forfeit
Johnson, Lydia	50	Forfeit
Jones, Linnell	1	Forfeit
McWhorter, Charlene	55	Forfeit
Moore, Pearl	12	Forfeit
Pope, Rowanna	11	Forfeit
Roberts, Patricia	44	Forfeit
Thompson, Rosie	10	Forfeit
Totals	0	

The forfeit allowed the Pioneers to begin their one week break a little earlier. During that time the team parted ways with Anita "Sister" Green.

Their next scheduled game wasn't until Monday March 23rd against the (26-6) Nebraska Wranglers. The Wranglers were riding an eight-game winning streak that began on February 20th. With only a few games left in the season the Wranglers were in a battle with the Dallas Diamonds for best league record. For Nebraska eight wins in a row were nice, but a ninth would help their cause.

The Wranglers came into the Civic Auditorium well rested having played only a week before and they were ready to take on the (9-21) Pioneers and their 1,328 fans. The Pioneers fell behind 27-20, but made up for it by half time as they only trailed 49-48. The teams battled and the Pioneers had their biggest lead at 65-57, before the Wranglers fought back to tie it at 75-75 after three quarters.

With 2:12 on the clock the Wranglers held a 96-92 lead. The Pioneers made it 96-94, then at the 1:45 mark Joan Uhl was run over by Rosie Walker. This was Rosie's 6th foul as she took her 28 points and 25 rebounds to the bench. The Pioneers closed out their 10-2 run, aided by six points from Cardie Hicks, for a 102-98 advantage. In another big upset for the Wranglers, they lost to the Pioneers 104-98.



Wearing facemask, Pioneers' Jody Rajcula (L) challenges Nebraska's Charlotte Lewis for rebound. Excerpt: John Scurry

Four players carried the Pioneers with Molly Bolin's 28 leading the way. Roberta Williams added 20, while Cindy Haugejorde and Cardie Hicks had 19 each. Cardie also provided nine assists. For the losing Wranglers Rosie Walker added another 20-20 game to her historic season. Carol Chason and Charlotte Lewis each had 17 for Nebraska.

The 98 Wrangler points were the first time since February 1st that the Pioneers held a team below 100. 50 days and 13 games of losing race horse basketball. But who cares, because the team actually had a three-game winning streak.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	44	39	12	26	4	6		3	3	2	4				28	0.897	
Booker, Gerry	51	8	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0	0
Draving , Doris	50	26	2	8	1	3		8	8	0	6				5	0.500	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	36	8	14	3	4		4	4	2	5				1	19	0.778
Hicks, Cardie	10	34	8	14	3	4		4	4	9	3				5	19	1.353
McKinney, Musiette	33	18	1	5	6	6		5	5	2	0				8	0.944	
Pate, Sheryl	40	10	1	2	0	0		3	3	0	3				2	0.500	
Rajcula, Jody	11	11	0	0	2	2		2	2	1	1				2	0.545	
Uhl, Joan	24	29	0	2	0	0		7	7	2	3				0	0.379	
Williams, Roberta	1	39	9	17	2	2		5	5	7	2				2	20	1.051
Adjustment		-10										20		1			
Totals		240	41	88	21	27	0	41	41	25	27	8	20	0	104	0.763	
			FG%	46.6%	FT%	77.8%	Team Rebs										

Nebraska Wranglers																Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Beasley, Genia	34	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000	
Chason, Carol	10	43	4	14	9	9		6	6	3	2				2	17	0.721
Flora, Janet	32	21	4	7	0	0		1	1	1	6				8	0.524	
Greene, Vivian	14	1	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	0				0	0.000	
Kocurek, Marie	52	14	4	9	2	3		3	3	0	4				10	0.929	
Lewis, Charlotte	50	39	7	14	3	4		7	7	3	2				17	0.769	
Pope, Peggy	20	Name not in Newspaper															
Taylor, Susan	24	31	2	8	3	5		10	10	6	5				7	0.935	
Walker, Rosie	40	41	11	18	6	10		25	25	1	6				2	28	1.390
Warlick, Holly	22	23	1	3	0	0		3	3	3	0				1	2	0.522
Wright, Josephine	42	25	4	5	1	3	3	3	4	1	1	9	0.840				
Adjustment													35				
Totals		240	37	80	24	34	0	58	58	21	26	6	35	0	98	0.704	
			FG%	46.3%	FT%	70.6%	Team Rebs										

With a new boost of confidence the Pioneers only had to wait two days before the (22-12) and playoff bound New Jersey Gems came to town. In what was being touted as a high scoring affair with the Gems' Carol Blazejowski leading the WBL with 29.8 per game and Molly Bolin averaging 26.6, the two teams didn't disappoint.

On Wednesday March 25, in front of 1,402 Civic Auditorium fans the Pioneers took a 41-31 1st quarter lead, with Molly Bolin scoring 21. These 72 points fell three points shy of 1st quarter score put up by the Chicago Hustle and the Iowa Cornets. On November 27, 1979 at Des Moines' Veterans Memorial Coliseum, the Hustle outscored the Cornets 41-34 in the 1st quarter.

The Pioneers & Gems put up a more reasonable 25-25 2nd quarter for a 66-59 Pioneers lead. Half time provided a time for the teams to get revved up as they put up another 71 points in the 3rd quarter for a 103-90 Pioneer lead. The 128-117 victory raised the Pioneer record to 11-21 and a proud four-game winning streak.

Molly Bolin ripped off 40 points on 19 of 33, while Doris Draving had 20 points and 16 rebounds. Musiette McKinney added 11 assists and 18 points, while three others also had double figure points. Overall, this was probably the Pioneers' most efficient game of the year as four players carded over a 1.000 rating.

For the (22-13) Gems Carol Blazejowski had 31 points in only 35 minutes, to keep her from being overworked. Five other Gems had double figure points with Willodean Harris' 19 points and 16 rebounds leading the way. As usual Janice Thomas handed out an impressive 13 assists, but she also fouled out again.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	43	19	33	2	3		3	3	1	1	1			40	1.070
Booker, Gerry	51	Name not in Newspaper														
Draving, Doris	50	45	7	13	6	11		16	16	2	3				20	0.889
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	31	8	15	1	1		3	3	2	5	1			17	0.806
Hicks, Cardie	10	21	6	14	0	0		8	8	6	5	2			12	1.619
McKinney, Musiette	33	36	4	12	10	15		5	5	11	3	1			18	1.278
Pate, Sheryl	40	23	3	5	2	2		2	2	0	6				8	0.435
Rajcula, Jody	11	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2				0	0.000
Uhl, Joan	24	26	5	5	1	2		9	9	3	5	1			11	1.038
Williams, Roberta	1	12	1	2	0	0		0	0	1	2	1			2	0.417
Adjustment													18			
Totals		240	53	99	22	34	0	46	46	26	32	7	18	0	128	0.896
			FG%	53.5%	FT%	64.7%	Team Rebs									

New Jersey Gems															Team Game #				
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat			
Blazejowski, Carol	12	35	10	22	11	14		6	6	2	3				31	1.171			
Comerie, Debbie	34	9	1	2	0	0		1	1	0	0				2	0.333			
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper																	
Gregory, Anne	42	13	2	2	6	8		5	5	0	3				10	1.154			
Harris, Willodean	40	45	9	13	1	3		16	16	0	5				19	0.778			
Heiss, Tara	44	34	6	12	5	7		1	1	7	4				17	0.941			
Marquis, Gail	24	29	3	8	6	7		3	3	1	4				12	0.586			
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	20	2	4	3	5		2	2	0	3				7	0.450			
Thomas, Janice	10	46	7	10	1	1		3	3	13	6				3	15	1.022		
Van Ness, Joan	32	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.778						
Adjustment													18						
Totals		240	42	76	33	45	0	37	37	24	28	4	18	0	117	0.783			
			FG%	55.3%	FT%	73.3%	Team Rebs												

The next few days in the end of March provided a unique scenario for three teams in the WBL. In an age, before social media, how did players communicate with each other to take advantage of a rare opportunity? The Gems next game would be against the Pioneers on March 28th. Yet the New Orleans Pride were in town on the 26th to play the Pioneers. Three teams, and two of them out of the playoffs, all together in a great city like San Francisco. Did the players get together? Did the Gems attend the Pioneers-Pride game?

On Thursday March 26th the (18-17) New Orleans Pride came to the Civic Auditorium, having fired former NBA coach Butch vanBreda Kolff just three games ago. The Pride who had been 12-3 at their peak, were 6-14 since then. (With some help from the Pioneers who made them 12-4.) The 1,238 who came out saw the Pioneers take a 26-21 1st quarter lead, which became tied at 45 at the half. An even 3rd quarter had the two teams tied at 61. The Pioneers led 69-65 with 6:48 when they went on a 12-2 run for a 81-67 advantage. The 32-20 final quarter was sparked by Musiette McKinney who scored 10 of those 32. The Pioneers won their fifth in a row, 93-81.

The team was led by Molly Bolin's 26, Cindy Haugejorde's 22, and Roberta Williams' 22. Cindy also contributed 10 rebounds. For the Pride Sue Peters 20 points and nine rebounds and seven steals, along with Heidi Wayment's 16 points weren't enough. The loss made the Pride 18-18, while the Pioneers were now 12-21.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Bolin, Molly	44	38	11	21	4	6		5	5	2	2	5			26	1.053		
Booker, Gerry	51	15	1	3	0	0		8	8	0	1				2	0.667		
Draving , Doris	50	31	2	4	4	5		9	9	1	5				8	0.613		
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	30	4	13	0	0		10	10	4	1				8	0.867		
Hicks, Cardie	10	20	3	9	1	4		1	1	6	1	3				7	1.150	
McKinney, Musiette	33	32	9	18	4	4		4	4	3	1					22	1.000	
Pate, Sheryl	40	17	2	6	0	0		4	4	0	3					4	0.471	
Rajcula, Jody	11	Name not in Newspaper																
Uhl, Joan	24	22	0	1	1	2		2	2	1	6					1	0.227	
Williams, Roberta	1	35	6	11	3	3	4	4	4	0	2			15	0.829			
Adjustment												4	20					
Totals		240	38	86	17	24	0	47	47	21	20	14	20	0	93	0.733		
			FG%	44.2%	FT%	70.8%	Team Rebs											

New Orleans Pride															Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	25	1	7	2	2		13	13	2	2				4	0.840	
Blalock, Sybil	10	33	5	9	2	2		3	3	1	1				1	12	0.545
Brogdon, Cindy	44	22	3	8	0	0		1	1	2	2					6	0.500
Chapman, Vicky	30	33	5	8	0	0		8	8	2	4				3	10	0.758
Farrah, Sharon	11	29	3	11	0	0		5	5	3	3				5	6	0.759
Forest, Augusta	31	8	2	4	1	5		2	2	2	0					5	1.375
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name not in Newspaper							0							0	
Nestor, Heidi	34	11	1	5	0	0		2	2	0	1					2	0.364
Peters, Sue	23	36	9	18	2	3		9	9	1	4				7	20	1.056
Wayment, Heidi	22	43	5	10	6	9	11	11	1	3		16	0.674				
Adjustment												27					
Totals		240	34	80	13	21	0	54	54	14	20	16	27	0	81	0.633	
			FG%	42.5%	FT%	61.9%	Team Rebs										

The final three games of the season for the Pioneers needed an advertising push to let the fans know they were appreciated. A Molly Bolin collector's item poster was Free to the 1st 500 fans. The fact that Carol Blazejowski and the New Jersey Gems were back for an encore performance brought out 2,067 fans.

The Saturday March 28th game saw the Pioneer's Cardie Hicks sing the National Anthem (beautifully, according to the San Francisco Examiner). Then the Pioneers went out and took a 22-21 lead, but that disappeared as the Gems outscored them 27-18, for a 48-40 halftime deficit. The Gems made it worse as they went ahead 75-59 after three quarters.



The losing Pioneers would have given up, especially when they were down 79-59 with 10:35 on the clock. But a team with a five-game winning streak had something to prove as they made up the difference. Cardie Hicks scored 15 of her 17 points in the 4th quarter and the team was down 95-94 with 15 seconds left. A Blazejowski free throw made it 96-94.

As the Pioneers isolated Molly Bolin, she had a shot from the top of the key that circled out with four seconds left, the subsequent rebound and shot by Doris Draving also didn't connect. The Pioneers lost 96-94. They were led by Cindy Haugejorde's 24 points, Doris Dravings' 20 rebounds, and Cardie Hicks' 17 points. Molly Bolin who had scored 40 points against the Gems three nights ago, was unable to get the ball and get into any kind of shooting rhythm. She ended the night with just 16 points on 8 of 22 from the field and no free throw attempts.

San Francisco Pioneers																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Bolin, Molly	44	36	8	22	0	0		4	4	3	3	1			16	0.750
Booker, Gerry	51	12	0	2	0	0		4	4	0	0	1			0	0.417
Draving , Doris	50	27	4	14	0	2		20	20	0	3				8	1.037
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	36	8	20	8	9		2	2	4	3	2			24	1.000
Hicks, Cardie	10	27	7	17	3	4		3	3	1	3	2			17	0.889
McKinney, Musiette	33	36	5	14	0	1		3	3	6	4				10	0.694
Pate, Sheryl	40	27	1	2	0	0		7	7	0	4				2	0.333
Rajcula, Jody	11	5	1	3	2	2		3	3	0	0				4	1.400
Uhl, Joan	24	16	2	4	0	0		5	5	2	4	1			4	0.875
Williams, Roberta	1	18	4	5	1	2		1	1	2	6	1			9	0.833
Adjustment													18			
Totals		240	40	103	14	20	0	52	52	18	30	8	18	0	94	0.717
			FG%	38.8%	FT%	70.0%	Team Rebs									

New Jersey Gems																Team Game #
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Blazejowski, Carol	12	44	7	18	9	12		11	11	5	3	2			23	1.045
Comerie, Debbie	34	Name not in Newspaper														
Feeney, Eileen	55	Name not in Newspaper														
Gregory, Anne	42	12	1	1	0	0		3	3	0	2				2	0.417
Harris, Willodean	40	38	9	15	1	1		9	9	0	6	1			19	0.763
Heiss, Tara	44	42	4	8	2	2		5	5	8	2				10	0.738
Marquis, Gail	24	46	11	21	6	9		20	20	1	2	3			28	1.152
Szeremeta, Wanda	23	10	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1				0	0.000
Thomas, Janice	10	43	3	7	3	5		3	3	6	4	2			9	0.605
Van Ness, Joan	32	5	1	1	3	4		0	0	0	0	1			5	1.200
Adjustment													26			
Totals		240	36	71	24	33	0	51	51	20	20	9	26	0	96	0.708
			FG%	50.7%	FT%	72.7%	Team Rebs									

The Gems were led by Gail Marquis, who had a 20-20 with 28 points and 20 rebounds. Carol Blazejowski's 23 points and 11 rebounds were just a tad better than Willodean Harris' 19 points and nine rebounds.

The three team party scene should have been great because the day after the Gems, the Pride were the opponent. Therefore, the Gems played in San Francisco on March 25th and March 28th, while the Pride played the Pioneers on the 26th and 29th. There was no reason for anyone to leave town.

The (18-18) Pride wanted to make up for their last game melt down. The Sunday crowd of 1,160 saw the Pioneers take a strong 36-21 lead, which they increased to 68-56. A 30-26 3rd quarter gave the Pioneers a 98-82 lead.

The fourth quarter was another moment in WBL folklore. The Pride only had nine players dressed to play. Yet two of these players, Cindy Brogdon and Sue Peters were injured in the first half and couldn't play. The Pride were down to seven healthy players for the last two quarters.

As the game went along and the fouls started to accumulate first Kathy Andrykowski and then Vicky Chapman fouled out. The Pride had five players left. With 5:18 remaining Heidi Wayment fouled out. The Pride chose to play with four players, instead of subjecting their injured players to further injury. At the 4:58 mark Sharon Farrah fouled out, leaving just three players. After

Coach Scott and the refs dissected the rules book the refs determined that Coach Scott had to put his injured players out on the floor. At that point Coach Scott pulled his team off the floor and declared the game was over. The final score, in the books was San Francisco 124 and New Orleans 106. The last five minutes of the game would not be in the record books.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat	
Bolin, Molly	44	32	12	26	4	9		2	2	2	3	3			28	1.156	
Booker, Gerry	51	1	0	0	2	3		0	0	0	0					2	2.000
Draving , Doris	50	27	5	8	1	4		15	15	0	3					11	0.963
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	20	6	11	0	0		7	7	2	5	2				12	1.250
Hicks, Cardie	10	6	1	4	0	0		1	1	1	3					2	0.833
McKinney, Musiette	33	39	5	14	12	15		5	5	11	1	3				22	1.333
Pate, Sheryl	40	15	2	4	4	5		3	3	0	5	2				8	0.867
Rajcula, Jody	11	18	3	5	7	7		4	4	0	4	2				13	1.056
Uhl, Joan	24	27	4	8	1	3		9	9	1	3	2				9	0.815
Williams, Roberta	1	30	7	12	3	3	4	4	6	2				17	1.100		
Adjustment												1	20				
Totals		215	45	92	34	49	0	50	50	23	29	15	20	0	124	1.000	
		O.K.	FG%	48.9%	FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs										
Special Notes:																	
N.O. has 9 players dressed. Peters & Brogdon are injured in 1st half. Leaving 7 available players																	
Andrykowski & Chapman foul out. 5 players left. 5:18 4th Qtr Wayment fouls out - 4 players left																	
4:58 4th Qtr Farrah fouls out - 3 players left. N.O.P. MUST play 2 injured players - they don't. Game ends with 4:58 remaining.																	

New Orleans Pride														Team Game #		
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat
Andrykowski, Kathy	32	14	4	5	3	4		6	6	1	6	1			11	1.429
Blalock, Sybil - playing	10	40	10	16	7	10		6	6	4	3	2			27	1.075
Brogdon, Cindy - Injured	44	18	1	4	4	6		0	0	3	2	1			6	0.722
Chapman, Vicky - Ejected	30	20	2	7	2	4		5	5	2	6	4			6	0.950
Farrah, Sharon	11	36	3	9	0	0		4	4	5	6	3			6	0.639
Forest, Augusta - playing	31	33	9	16	7	8		7	7	3	2	3			25	1.242
Hardy, Bertha	33	Name not in Newspaper														
Nestor, Heidi - playing	34	14	2	5	2	3		1	1	0	0				6	0.500
Peters, Sue - Injured	23	7	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	1		4	0.571			
Wayment, Heidi - FO 5:14 4th	22	33	4	7	7	8	10	10	0	6	1	15	0.788			
Adjustment													26			
Totals		215	36	70	34	49	0	39	39	18	32	15	26	0	106	0.791
		O.K.	FG%	51.4%	FT%	69.4%	Team Rebs		12							
Special Notes:																
Technicals: Vicky Chapman (2), Coach Ray Scott																
N.O. has 9 players dressed. Peters & Brogdon are injured in 1st half. Leaving 7 available players																
Andrykowski & Chapman foul out. 5 players left. 5:18 4th Qtr Wayment fouls out - 4 players left																
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The Pioneers upped their record to 13-22 behind Molly Bolin's 28 points and Musiette McKinney's 22 points and 11 assists. Four other players also had double figure points. For the gutty Pride, Sybil Blalock had 27 points, while Augusta Forest had 25. Heidi Wayment added 15 points and 10 rebounds. The Pride concluded their 2nd season of existence with an 18-19 record.

Tuesday March 31st was the last game for the Pioneers season. For those fans who watched the New Orleans Pride walk off the court two days before, they were in for another treat.

The team coming into town was the Minnesota Fillies. But these Fillies were different than the Anita Ortega and Nancy Dunkle led Fillies that were defeated on March 5 by the Pioneers. In fact, there was not one player from that March game on this current team. That was because one week after the St. Louis Streak refused to come to San Francisco the Minnesota Fillies refused to play against the Chicago Hustle in Chicago on March 21. That game ended up as another forfeit, the third in the WBL that season. The players and Head Coach Terry Kunze made a stand against the Fillies owner because of lack of payments.

Because the walk-out had been in Chicago the current WBL Commissioner Sherwin Fischer, who had been a part of the Chicago management for two years, suspended all the players and Coach Kunze. They were no longer part of the WBL. Minnesota had a game on March 22nd against Dallas, that also was ruled a forfeit.

The WBL by-laws required the Fillies to field a team of five players wearing Fillies apparel and playing in the scheduled games. Unfortunately, the Fillies pulled their walk off when they had four games in a row. March 21st in Chicago, March 22nd in Minnesota against Dallas, March 23rd in Minnesota against St. Louis, and March 24th in Minnesota against St. Louis.

Therefore, once the walk off took place Minnesota Gordon Nevers needed to find a coach and players in about 30 hours. They succeeded in finding some college players that were willing to play for free to keep their amateur status. They found some former Minnesota Fillies who were still living in the area. They pulled a former player out of her office chair and sought others who could play a bit. They also located a person willing to coach for the last four games of the season and his name was Mark Lapp.

Minnesota's two home games against the Streak ended with scores of 128-80 on the 23rd in front of 200 people. Then 121-79 on the 24th in front of 100 people. The "new" Fillies then got to travel to Dallas to take on the Diamonds on Saturday March 28th where they lost 114-70. This brought the Pioneers & Fillies to the end of the regular season and what would be the last regular season game in WBL history.

On Tuesday March 31st the (13-22) Pioneers and 1,756 fans welcomed the Fillies to the Civic Auditorium. The Pioneers started so poorly that Coach Meminger had to call a time-out at the 8:21 mark with the score 8-6. The Pioneers then reeled off runs of six and 12 points to take a 28-13 first quarter lead. In the 2nd quarter the Pioneers applied strong pressure, but not a press, and they ran off eight and then 16 in a row, before Coach Meminger told them to back off. The score was 63-24 by the half.

The Pioneers did their best to not embarrass Minnesota by playing all 11 players equal amounts of time. Superstars like Bolin, Haugejorde and Hicks only saw 24, 23, and 19 minutes. Yet the skill levels of the two teams were so vastly different as the Pioneers took a 90-38 third quarter lead. The final score of 122-61 set a record for margin of victory. The 61 points obliterated the previous record of 50 which was set by the Iowa Cornets over the Dayton Rockettes, 131-81, on Sunday February 25, 1979.

San Francisco Pioneers															Team Game #			
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Bolin, Molly	44	24	11	14	2	2		3	3	2	2				24	1.292		
Booker, Gerry	51	21	3	8	0	2		5	5	1	2				1	6	0.619	
Crevier, Tanya		16	0	7	3	5		0	0	3	0					3	0.563	
Draving , Doris	50	18	7	9	4	5		16	16	0	2				1	18	1.889	
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	23	3	4	0	0		3	3	2	0				3	6	0.696	
Hicks, Cardie	10	19	3	7	0	0		3	3	4	2				2	1	6	1.000
McKinney, Musiette	33	24	2	10	2	5		3	3	10	1				3	6	1.333	
Pate, Sheryl	40	24	3	4	4	5		4	4	1	1					10	0.667	
Rajcula, Jody	11	28	7	9	4	8		14	14	1	3				2	18	1.286	
Uhl, Joan	24	22	2	6	4	4		9	9	1	2					8	0.864	
Williams, Roberta	1	21	7	11	0	0	3	3	1	1	2	14	1.000					
Adjustment												4	24					
Totals		240	48	89	23	36	0	63	63	26	16	16	24	3	119	0.942		
			FG%	53.9%	FT%	63.9%	Team Rebs											

Minnesota Fillies																	Team Game #	
Name	No.	Min	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	OFR	DFR	Tot Rb	Ast	PF	St	TO	BS	Pts	Eff Rat		
Decker, Patti	12	21	0	3	2	2		5	5	1	3				2	0.429		
Gaugert, Rachel	42	7	0	2	0	0		0	0	0	1				0	0.000		
Meredith, Sue	53	22	2	10	0	0		5	5	1	3				4	4	0.682	
Ohm, Elsie	32	34	6	24	1	2		6	6	0	5				13	0.559		
Peterson, Debra	45	48	8	17	5	7		7	7	0	4				21	0.583		
Savage, Brenda	11	45	0	8	0	0		10	10	6	1				0	0.489		
Sjoquist, Lynette	55	23	1	5	4	4		7	7	0	4				6	0.565		
Wahl-Bye, Sue	15	40	7	24	1	2		14	14	3	6				15	0.875		
Adjustment												7	38					
Totals		240	24	93	13	17	0	54	54	11	27	11	38	0	61	0.458		
			FG%	25.8%	FT%	76.5%	Team Rebs											

The Pioneers had five players with double figures. Molly Bolin had 24, while Doris Draving and Jody Rajcula had 18 apiece. For Minnesota, who shot 25.8% as a team, Debra Peterson led the team with 21, while Susan Wahl-Bye had 15 points and 14 rebounds. Brenda Savage grabbed 10 rebounds, but also managed to get six assists to players she was unfamiliar with.

Sometimes it is hard to understand the role these "new" Minnesota Fillies played. Over the three-year history of the WBL, 294 players wore a uniform. Whether a player was one of the 30 that played all three years or were one-game unknowns, like: Bobbi Brockhage (Hous), Beverly Coleman (Milw), Jodi Gault (Wash), Donna Gray (Phil), Connie Howe (NY), Sharon Manning (NJ), Pat McKenzie (Wash), Barbara Mosher (Calif), Cindy Rock (Wash), or Vicky Voss (Minn) every player that played will always be a part of the WBL players' fraternity.

For the Pioneers who won seven of their last eight games, which was half of their season total, they believed things were looking up. To Coach Meminger the team was just a point guard and a center away from being contenders. What do you think?

The final standings for the 1980-1981 season were:

COASTAL

Dallas	27	9	.750	----
New Jersey	23	13	.639	4
New Orleans	18	19	.486	9.5
San Francisco	14	22	.389	13.0
New England	2	10	-	disbanded

CENTRAL

Nebraska	27	9	.750	----
Chicago	18	18	.500	9.0
St. Louis	14	21	.400	12.5
Minnesota	7	29	.194	20.0

Based on these standing the Pioneers would have had the 2nd pick of the draft. They also would have had the 3rd pick, because the May ruling that awarded St. Louis' pick to the Pioneers for not traveling to their game. (Again – was there ever a Margaret English ruling?)

Once the season ended the Bay area newspapers said very little about the San Francisco Pioneers and what was going on in the WBL. As important as the draft was, it was continually being pushed back into oblivion. There was a quick June 27, 1981 blurb about a men's summer league that Cardie Hicks was going to be a part of. But Cardie was also using the publicity to promote her "Magic" Basketball Camp.

The final laugh was an article in the San Francisco Examiner in November 1981 that said the WBL was legally alive, because they could never get the Board of Governors together to officially dissolve the league.

The Pioneers Final Stats for 1980-81 are as follows:

Player	No.	GP	Min	M.p.G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3FGM	3FG	FTM	FTA	FT %	Of Rb	Df Rb	Tot Rb	Reb Avg	Ast	PF	Stl	TO	BS	PTS	Avg	Eff. Rat.
Bolin, Molly	32	27	991	36.70	277	623	0.445	1	7	168	213	0.789	43	54	97	3.59	52	86	52	104	3	723	26.78	0.880
Booker, Gerry	51	13	227	17.46	11	33	0.333			12	22	0.545	25	30	55	4.23	3	28	5	19	2	34	2.62	0.357
Crevier, Tanya	7	1	16	16.00	0	7	0.000			3	5	0.600	0	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	2		3	3.00	0.438
Crusoe, Beverly	2	9	4.50	0	1	0.000			0	0	#DIV/0!		0	1	1	0.50	0	2	0	2		0	0.00	-0.111
Drawing, Doris	50	31	850	27.42	105	232	0.453			90	160	0.563	124	192	316	10.19	13	121	18	60	16	300	9.68	0.706
Dunkle, Nancy	40	13	370	28.46	39	88	0.443			24	38	0.632	42	59	101	7.77	22	46	22	22	13	102	7.85	0.668
English, Margaret	32	7	67	9.57	10	18	0.556			7	15	0.467	11	20	31	4.43	2	14	2	4	2	27	3.86	0.896
Green, Anita	32	8	96	12.00	5	15	0.333			6	7	0.857	2	4	6	0.75	12	14	7	19	1	16	2.00	0.354
Haugejorde, Cindy	43	34	1,130	33.24	238	484	0.492	0	1	89	124	0.718	121	151	272	8.00	54	129	43	68	7	565	16.62	0.814
Hicks, Cardie	10	33	895	27.12	210	446	0.471			65	106	0.613	37	81	118	3.58	119	129	59	122	6	485	14.70	0.869
Mayo, Pat	13	5	150	30.00	12	36	0.333			9	13	0.692	9	12	21	4.20	12	14	6	8	1	33	6.60	0.507
McKinney, Musiette	33	33	790	23.94	98	263	0.373	1	3	82	125	0.656	29	97	126	3.82	111	90	34	91	5	279	8.45	0.722
Nestor, Heidi	51	12	240	20.00	25	65	0.385			26	41	0.634	13	23	36	3.00	7	33	5	23	1	76	6.33	0.450
Ortega, Anita	11	15	485	32.33	68	178	0.382			84	120	0.700	27	41	68	4.53	53	37	22	69	7	220	14.67	0.715
Pate, Sheryl	40	15	213	14.20	21	40	0.525			17	22	0.773	18	23	41	2.73	5	43	7	19	2	59	3.93	0.460
Rajcula, Jody	11	12	189	15.75	22	42	0.524			22	33	0.667	24	28	52	4.33	3	32	5	19		66	5.50	0.582
Ricketts, Debbie	8	3	27	9.00	0	3	0.000			0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	1	0		0	0.00	0.037
Uhl, Joan	24	21	405	19.29	25	81	0.309			27	42	0.643	42	58	100	4.76	15	80	18	27	2	77	3.67	0.489
Washington, Suzanne	22	14	240	17.14	29	77	0.377			24	34	0.706	13	12	25	1.79	19	26	17	19	1	82	5.86	0.596
Williams, Roberta	1	34	820	24.12	136	298	0.456	0	3	52	72	0.722	23	66	89	2.62	98	77	59	108	4	324	9.53	0.683
Adjustment					3					1												7		
	34	8,210			1,334	3,030	0.440	2	14	808	1,192	0.678	603	952	1,555	45.74	603	1,003	382	805	73	3,478	102.29	0.708

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MARSHALL GELLER President

The San Francisco Pioneers is the newest of many adventures for President Marshall Geller. A man of incredible energy and foresight, Geller took advantage of the opportunity to become the first expansion franchise of the Women's Professional Basketball League. He not only brings professional basketball back to San Francisco but also provides the Bay Area with the first women's professional organized sport. At various times in the past 15 years, Mr. Geller has owned small business interests in several professional sports teams and other business ventures.

A 1960 graduate of Los Angeles State College, Mr. Geller has been involved for the last 15 years in the investment banking business and the area of international trade. Mr. Geller is married and has two daughters, Alison and Lisa.



THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) was started as just a small seed of an idea — the idea of providing women and girls across the nation with something to strive for in the world of professional athletics.

Originally planted by WBL president and founder, Bill Byrne, the seed began to grow and flourish. No stranger to the world of sports, Byrne was the first director of player personnel for the American Football and World Football Leagues, developed the American Professional Slo-Pitch League, and owned a semi-pro football team that posted a 17-0-1 record.

Before his ideas could mature to a reality, research was begun in 1976 to determine public and media response to a women's professional basketball league. The results of market research, in-depth investigations and surveys of high school and college coaches, media personnel, and sporting goods manufacturers and dealers were examined prior to the consideration of the 800 applications that were received. Then the real work began.

Over a period of nine months, League officials scrutinized such factors as geographic location as well as the financial ability of the applicant to support the team for the first year. Finally, on June 20, 1978, history was made when the officials and invited applicants came together for the announcement that would mark the start of the first year — the six accepted applicants for the 1978-79 season. They included Chicago, New Jersey, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Iowa and Dayton. New York and Houston later brought the final total to eight.

Under the direction of Bill Byrne, a man of driving energy and innovation, the league begins its second year with the addition of franchises in Los Angeles (formerly Dayton), St. Louis, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and, of course, San Francisco. If it is true that expansion is the sign of a well-established league, then the Women's Professional Basketball League is off to another exciting and successful year!

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FRANK LA PORTE Coach



Frank La Porte enters his first season as the coach of the San Francisco Pioneers although his association with basketball spans more than 20 years.

A native of Chicago, La Porte attended St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, on a basketball scholarship after being named "Chicago Player of the Year" as a prep. Following his graduation in 1956, La Porte moved over to Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland and compiled a 342-73 record while never experiencing a losing season in twelve years. Overall, his O'Dowd teams won ten Catholic Athletic titles. La Porte considers his 1967 varsity team at O'Dowd the best, for it was the year the Dragons were ranked number one in California and second among the nation's Catholic High Schools.

La Porte returned to St. Mary's after his years at O'Dowd to serve as freshman and junior varsity basketball coach for a three year period prior to his appointment as the Gael's head coach. During this time his teams rolled up a combined 50-19 record while never experiencing a losing season.

La Porte accomplished his rookie season of 1972-73 a 16-12 record, an improvement from the previous year's 7-19 record. As a result, La Porte was named Northern California Coach of the Year. The following year he turned another winning season 14-12, the first time a Gael coach had back-to-back winning seasons since 1962.

La Porte stays active during the summer months by running a highly-successful and widely-known basketball camp throughout Northern California. In addition, he will also be conducting his own Pioneer camps during the 1980 summer.

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GARY YODER Assistant Coach

Although 1979 will mark Gary Yoder's first season as a professional in the coaching field, his winning ways in amateur and professional basketball are well-established. A native of Topoka, Indiana, Yoder starred on the Westview High School team, which captured the State Basketball title in 1973. Following his graduation that same year, he attended Southern Idaho Junior College for one year expanding his list of achievements when he was named Junior College Player of the Year (1975), Most Valuable Player in the Junior College All-Star Game, and leading scorer when the team went to the National Finals, losing to Texas Western by three points.

Yoder continued his basketball career at the University of Cincinnati as one of the top guards in the country, leading the Bearcats to the NCAA tournament his last two years. Elected to the Helms Foundation All-American team and the Academic All-American squad, he was one of 15 NCAA post-graduate scholarship recipients. Yoder acquired valuable coaching experience at the University of Cincinnati summer basketball camps and also working with Coach La Porte.

He joined the world of professional sports when he was the third round draft pick of the Milwaukee Bucks. After being the final player cut from the Bucks' squad, Yoder had knee surgery to repair torn cartilage. He was then offered a contract by the Golden State Warriors and played with that team in the Los Angeles Summer League in 1978. This professional stint was also cut short by knee surgery.

Gary Yoder resides in San Leandro but keeps in constant contact with friends and family in Indiana as to the state of the farm land that he is developing there.



Unlike the team that he represents, Dick Callahan is anything but a pioneer when it comes to sports broadcast experience. Callahan, who will provide the play-by-play action for all 36 Pioneers' games this year on KKIS radio, has been involved in the business for over twenty years.

His long record of broadcast history began in college when, sidelined by a basketball injury, he worked as the color-man for his campus radio station. Eventually, the position grew and Callahan began to cover college and high school games in Philadelphia professionally in the 1960's.

The enthusiastic and knowledgeable announcer is widely-known to both basketball and football fans at Stanford University and St. Mary's College. Callahan has the uncanny talent to provide not only an accurate running account of the game, but interesting and personal facts about each player as well.

Away from the sports arena, he is District Sales Manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Callahan, his wife, MaryLou, and their three daughters reside in suburban Moraga, California.



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JOANN DOHALLOW Trainer

Responsible for the prevention and care of player injuries at practice and games played on the Pioneers' home court, Joann Dohallow has been involved in sports medicine since 1973.

A graduate of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Dohallow continued her studies in Northwestern University's Physical Therapy Certificate program and is currently working on an M.A. in Physical Education at Cal State Hayward.

Her initial experience in sports medicine was with the Rainbow Sports Medicine Center in Cleveland, where she served as Athletic Trainer from 1973 to 1975. Since that time, her list of qualifications is lengthy and impressive, and include Certified Athletic Training instructor and Registered Physical Therapist for the Student Health Services at Cal State Hayward, and Athletic Trainer for the Oakland Ballet Company.

Dohallow is also research chairman for the Sports Medicine section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and is a widely-known lecturer on Sports Medicine and Exercise topics.

In addition to her position with the Pioneers, Dohallow is director of the P.A.C.E.R. Sports Medicine Clinic in Concord, Ca.



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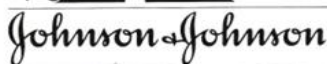
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Barb Hansen 42

Barb Hansen, not to be confused with her 6'1" colleague Kim Hansen also from Grand Valley State, signed with the San Francisco Pioneers as a free agent after attending the team's try-out camp in July.

For her hard work during the 1977-78 season, Hansen was named Most Improved player and in 1978-79 was recognized as the best defensive player. During the four years that she played at Grand Valley State she was All-Conference and All-State.

Hansen attended high school in Three Rivers Michigan, where her team was district champions for three years.

She shows promising defensive skills thus far at the Pioneer's training camp and is expected to add the height and strength that the team needs in a rebounder.

Hansen holds a degree in Criminal Justice from Grand Valley State and is expecting to pursue a career as a criminal justice caseworker or probation officer. The youngest of 4 children, she is an accomplished musician — enjoying both guitar and piano.



Position: Forward
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 160
Birthdate: 12/21/56
College: Grand Valley State

Kim Hansen 32

Kim Hansen joined the Pioneers for their first season after being chosen as the team's second round draft pick.

Hansen attended Grand Valley State College in Michigan where she accumulated 1969 points and 1500 rebounds. In addition to being named the Outstanding Female Athlete, she was All-Conference, All-State, and All-American (2nd team). She also participated in the World Game try-outs.

Hansen is a player well-schooled in the fundamentals of basketball. Her knowledge of the game, combined with her strong rebounding and passing talents make Kim a very strong candidate for starting center.

A well-rounded athlete, she has participated in volleyball and softball in addition to basketball and in her spare time enjoys running, racketball, and riding motorcycles.

A native Mid-westerner, Hansen now resides in Hayward. She is also, no slouch when it comes to her education. Having just graduated from Grand Valley State with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, she holds an Athletic Trainer certificate and is currently working at a Bay Area sports clinic where she is obtaining additional sports medicine and athletic training knowledge.



Position: Center
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 165
Birthdate: 4/28/57
College: Grand Valley State

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Connie Franklin 21



Recently acquired by the Pioneers from the California Dreams, the 1979-80 season marks the second year for Connie Franklin in the Women's Professional Basketball League. She played forward last year for the Dayton Rockettes (now California Dreams) during the League's history-making season.

Basketball has not always been her only interest in sports. She holds many track records in Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia. Summers found her actively involved in AAU track and field. At East Tennessee State University, where she earned her degree in Physical Education, Franklin holds that school's long jump, 440, mile relay and 220 dash records.

Her track experience has proven a valuable asset on the court. For three consecutive years she had been named Most Valuable Player and was also pinpointed as an outstanding basketball player and track star in Tennessee. Franklin holds the East Tennessee State rebounding record (25). She was honorable mention at the Ohio Valley State Conference in 1978, the first year for women's participation.

Franklin's strength appears to be in her speed, agility, and her ability to play tight defense. Overall, she is a quick aggressive athlete with good jumping skills.

In college her nickname was "Frisky". The fourth in a family of nine, she was born in Madison Heights, Louisiana. She enjoys traveling and anything to do with sports. Franklin would like to make her involvement with basketball a life-time endeavor by coaching or teaching in the future.

Position: Guard
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 127
Birthdate: 8/10/55
College: East Tennessee State

Joslyn Grant 9



A free agent, Joslyn Grant most recently played for Santa Monica Junior College where she was the school's leading scorer with an average of 24 points. She led the league in free throws and had a career record of 48% shooting from the floor. Grant was All-Conference for both Santa Monica and for El Camino College.

Her basketball experience dates back to 1968 when she was named Most Valuable Player for Holmes High School in Covington, Kentucky. It was a title that she held until 1973.

Grant's involvement with basketball has been a year-round commitment. Playing with the Redondo Beach Recreation League, the team captured the City Championship title in 1976, 1977, and 1978. She also played for the El Camino Summer League in 1978 and was the only woman in a YMCA league in Cincinnati.

Combining her basketball knowledge and skills, Grant has coached one year at the Junior High level in Kentucky and at Lennox High School in Los Angeles. The Covington, Kentucky native, her husband, David, and their seven-year old son, Amos Jamar, reside in San Mateo, California.

Position: Guard
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 118
Birthdate: 6/11/55
College: Santa Monica J.C.

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Cardie Hicks 10



Her nickname "Magic" couldn't describe more clearly the way that Cardie Hicks handles a basketball. Despite her rather small size (5-8), this woman has the crowd-pleasing ability to dunk the ball — a feat that challenges most men.

The youngest in a family of eight, Cardie grew up playing with her brothers. Behind her short hair and underdeveloped figure in high school she was frequently able to disguise that she was a woman and play right along with her male counterparts.

Statistics don't adequately reflect the talent of this woman. While she played at Cal State Long Beach and then at Northridge, Hicks was averaging 29 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 assists per game. Combined with 3 blocks and at least 3 steals per game, these stats won her a number of titles, including Most Valuable Player her sophomore year. Hicks was also an Olympic Alternate in 1975. Following her college career, she accepted a position on a professional team in Europe, where she played for two years. She averaged 29 points, was the highest scorer with 48 points, and again was named M.V.P.

Fans can expect to see plenty of action from this player in scoring and rebounding. Hicks is a player who knows no fears when it comes to a challenge and a good fast game. Cardie is a strong player overall and is noted for her quickness.

Currently making her home in Daly City, Cardie Hicks also enjoys volleyball and softball and demonstrates talent as a singer as well. The entertainment field is one that she has thought of pursuing in the future in addition to her plans to start her own basketball clinics.

Position: Forward/Guard
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 140
Birthdate: 6/17/55
College: Cal State Northridge

Anna Johnson 25



The youngest in a family of four boys, Anna Johnson is the only member of the group to participate in basketball. The sport sparked her interest at the age of nine and she pursued it enough to become a member of the varsity squad for three years at Oakland Technical High School. During that time Anna was named Most Valuable Player and selected to various All-Star teams. Determined to continue in basketball, she played guard for Laney Community College in Oakland, California. She was selected to the All-Tournament team and again won MVP honors.

Transferring to Long Beach State, Johnson played guard for three years. In addition she played in the AAU National Team, Anna's Bananas, and the Summer Pro League in Los Angeles, coached by Patti Meyers.

At the present time she is working hard on her rebounding and defense and could be a pleasant surprise to the Pioneers.

Johnson, who earned her B.A. in Physical Education, is looking forward to her graduate work at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California.

Position: Guard
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 158
Birthdate: 12/3/54
College: Long Beach State

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Pam Martin 12

Pam Martin was one of four players who attended the San Francisco Pioneers free agent try-out camp last summer to be invited back for the regular training camp in September.

Woman Athlete of the Year at the University of California at Davis, she played on the varsity squad for four years and averaged 14 points per game. In both 1978 and 1979, Martin was Co-Most Valuable Player for her team and was the leading scorer in the Golden State Conference. She was also honored in the Sacramento Basketball Hall of Fame as Player of the Year for the 1978-79 season.

Not one to brag, Pam Martin's great strength is demonstrated as a defensive "hustler" who has had extensive training in the fundamentals of the game.

The 5'6" guard recently graduated from U.C. Davis with a combined major in history and physical education and is currently preparing for graduate work in the latter field.

An outdoor enthusiast, Pam enjoys backpacking and hiking whenever she gets a chance. A native of Davis, she would like to eventually work as a coach and teacher.



Position: Guard
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 130
Birthdate: 3/6/56
College: U.C. Davis

Pat (Colasurdo) Mayo 13

The first round draft pick of San Francisco, Mayo came to the Pioneers with the reputation of being one of the top defensive players in the country.

She began playing basketball in the eighth grade but it was not until her sophomore year at the Holy Family Academy that she competed in an organized program. From then on, her dedication to the sport began to pay off when she set basketball records for the school.

Mayo attended Montclair State University in New Jersey where she was a scholastic scholarship recipient in 1976 and 1977 and received the Scholar/Athlete award in 1979. Although her skills were frequently overlooked as she played in the spotlight of Wade Trophy Winner Carol Balzowski, she demonstrated during her four years that she was a tough, aggressive and quick running forward. She helped the Squaws win three New Jersey Conference titles and led Montclair State to second place in the AIAW tournament. Colasurdo was Kodak All-American 1979 and was four years first team All-AIAW Conference.

In her four years at Montclair she accumulated 1646 points and her senior year averaged 23 points and 11.5 rebounds per game. A true sports enthusiast, she participated in not only basketball, but track-and-field, la crosse, softball and football.

Mayo promises to be a good outside shooter for the Pioneers in the upcoming season.

The 22-year-old native of Bayonne, New Jersey, and her husband, Bob, have made their home in San Leandro following an August 1979 wedding.



Position: Forward
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 145
Birthdate: 9/25/57
College: Montclair State

Anita Ortega 11

At the age of 22, Anita Ortega has already compiled an outstanding and impressive record.

A knock-out basketball player at Los Angeles High School, Ortega was not only captain of the team her junior and senior years, but the leading scorer as well. Her senior year, Ortega was named Most Valuable Player and there is little wonder. The team placed fourth in the city her junior year and improved to take second place her senior year.

Having recently played at U.C.L.A., Ortega was part of a 1-2 guard combination with Ann Meyers — a twosome that was hard to stop. Her list of accomplishments is lengthy, including all-time leading scorer (1750 points), 2nd all-time assist leader, and 3rd all-time leading rebounder. She played in the All-Star game two consecutive years and was All-American. In 1977 and 1978, Ortega was named Most Outstanding Basketball Player and Latin Athlete of the Year.

Ortega played for the Puerto Rican National Team in the Pan American games where she was the fourth leading scorer.

Confident that she can help the team in every aspect of the game, Ortega is a high percentage shooter from the field.

A native of Los Angeles and the oldest of three children, she hopes to coordinate basketball clinics for children of all ages.



Position: Guard
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 138
Birthdate: 7/12/57
College: U.C.L.A.

Debbie Ricketts 8

At 5'4", Debbie Ricketts is one of the smallest members of the San Francisco Pioneers, but what she lacks in height she makes up in basketball talent.

Under the direction of coach Billie Moore at Cal State Fullerton she developed into the number one guard for the team and is now considered one of the top ten guards in the nation. Ricketts played on the AAU team, Anna's Bananas, and the National General West AAU. She also spent one year playing in France.

Ricketts represents what Coach La Porte would like to see in terms of a well-conditioned athlete. She keeps in shape with distance running, sprints, weights and, in the winter, skiing. There's no doubt that her physical endurance is demonstrated in her ability to hustle consistently on the court. Debbie's leadership qualities have gained her co-captain status with the Pioneers.

Ricketts comes from a family of eight children and now makes her home with relatives in Oakland. When not running and hustling on the court, she likes to spend her free hours reading or listening to music. Following her basketball career, she would like to work in the field of physical fitness, perhaps developing her own clinic.



Position: Guard
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 115
Birthdate: 8/17/55
College: Cal State Fullerton

Muisette McKinney 33

The San Francisco Pioneers used their fourth pick in the 1979 draft to select 5'9" forward Muisette McKinney of Cal Poly Pomona. The 22-year-old McKinney is a most versatile athlete, whose strengths are her passing and her moves around the hoop. She is quick and tough and demonstrates leadership qualities that are an asset to any team.

The Broncos' leading scorer, she had a college career of 1376 points, 602 rebounds and 439 assists. All-SCAA for the last three years, and voted best defensive player by her teammates, McKinney played on the All-tournament team at Cal Poly, qualified for the regional tournament all four years, and attended the national tournament two years where her team placed fifth in small college competition. McKinney was a three time winner of the Miller Athlete of the Week award and played on the Kodak All-Region 8 team in 1977 and 1978.

She has worked at AIAW summer basketball camps and participated in the Cal State Summer League in 1975, 76 and 77.

A native of Chicago, and the youngest of five children, McKinney now resides in Daly City. She hopes to coach and teach basketball in the future.



Position: Forward
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 149
Birthdate: 6/7/57
College: Cal Poly Pomona

Mary Ann McLaughlin 45

A free agent, Mary Ann McLaughlin comes to the Pioneers following her graduation from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

She played four years on the UCSB team, the first two years being named Best Offensive Player and Most Improved. She followed this by playing All-Conference for 3 years and was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year by the Santa Barbara Roundtable for 1977-78. Her career average was 15 points and 11 rebounds per game.

McLaughlin spent the summers of 1977 and 1978 playing with her Pioneer colleague Muisette McKinney on the Olympic Development Team at Cal State L.A., where her team ranked first that initial year.

The second in a family of seven children, this San Diego native enjoys taking advantage of the sunny southern California weather scuba diving, and surfing. A real basketball enthusiast, Mary Ann would eventually like to teach or coach the sport and even toys with the idea of providing radio color for one of the WBL teams.



Position: Center Forward
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 155
Birthdate: 8/29/57
College: U.C.S.B.

Jan Ternyik 22

A 6' center forward from Montclair State, New Jersey, Ternyik's abilities were frequently overlooked during her college career as she played with her better known colleagues, Pat Colasurdo and Carol Balzowski. She was overlooked again by the WBL franchises in the player draft in June 1979. It was not until Coach Frank LaPorte invited her to the Pioneers' try-out camp in July that someone began to realize this player's potential. Over the years Ternyik has acquired the reputation of being an aggressive, defensive player and has been pretty much of a scrapper on offense.

Ternyik has always played for a winning team. She attended James Caldwell High School in New Jersey, where she was the first female to receive an athletic scholarship. She was also All-Conference and All-City. Summers found her playing in the Metropolitan Woman's Basketball League sponsored by Adidas.

At Montclair State, where she played four years on the varsity squad, Ternyik was usually assigned to guard the strongest post player. This helped to develop her as one of the toughest defensive players.

She is a native of Pompton Plains and the youngest in a family of three girls. Her past knowledge of carpentry, a skill she acquired in high school, is proving beneficial as she has constructed quite a few pieces of furniture for her Hayward apartment.



Position: Center Forward
Height: 6'
Weight: 155
Birthdate: 4/10/57
College: Montclair State

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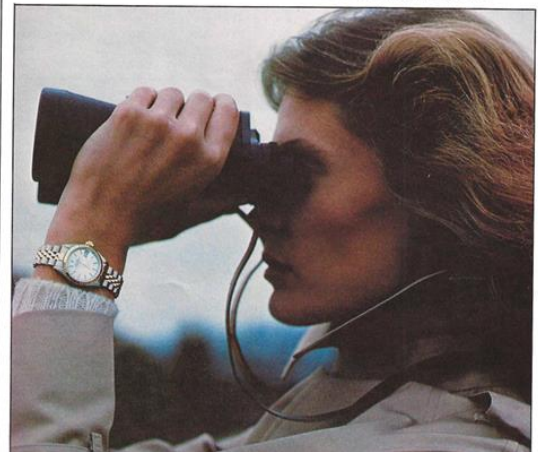


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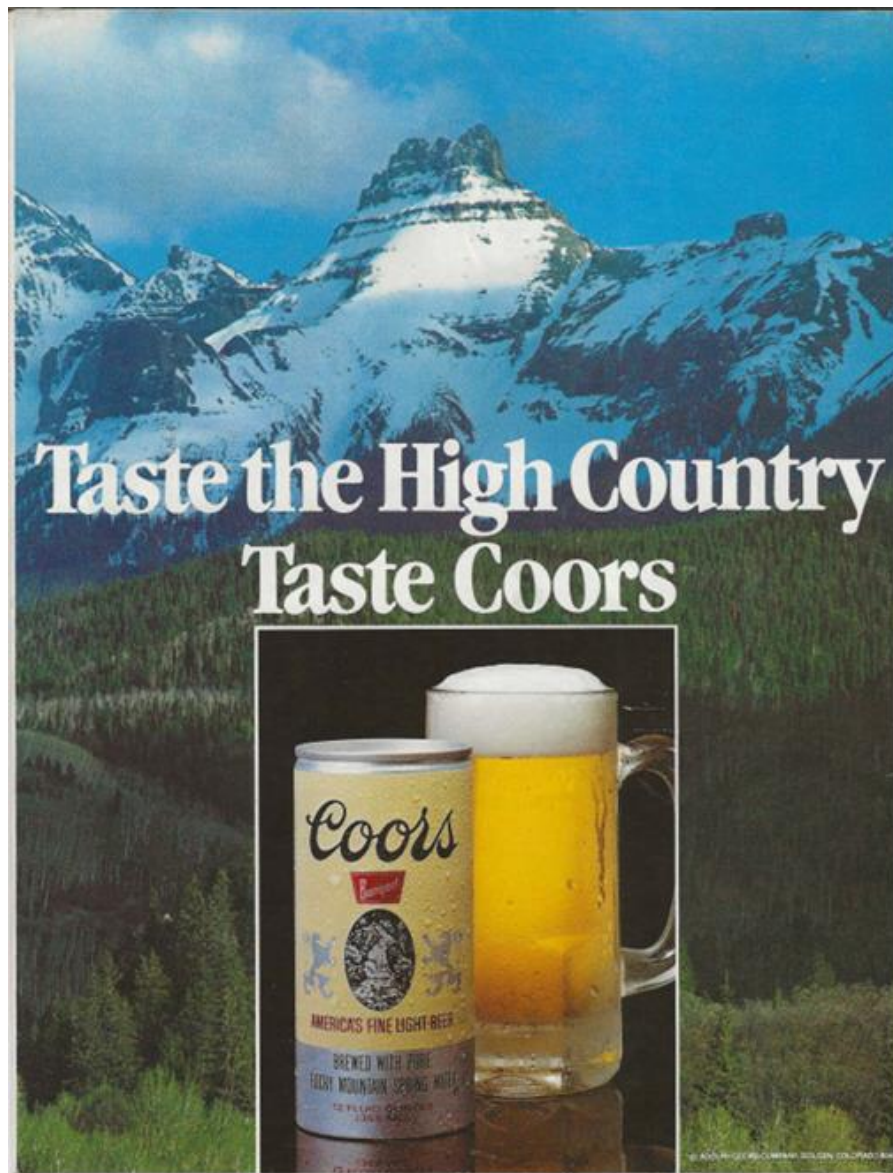
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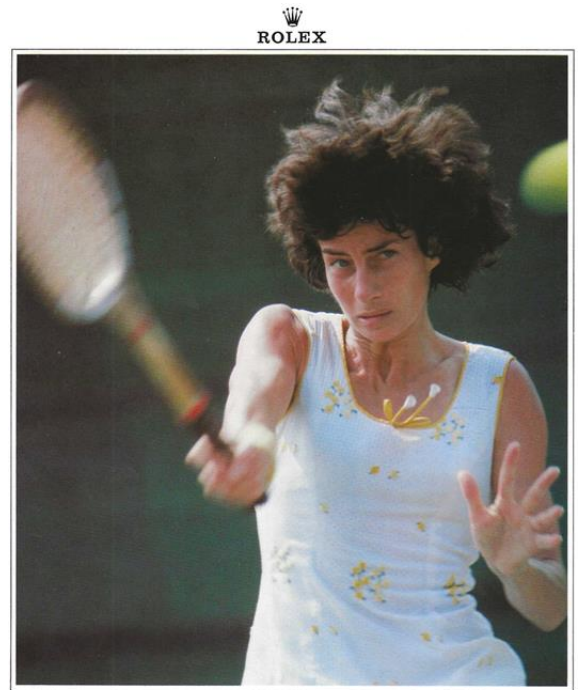
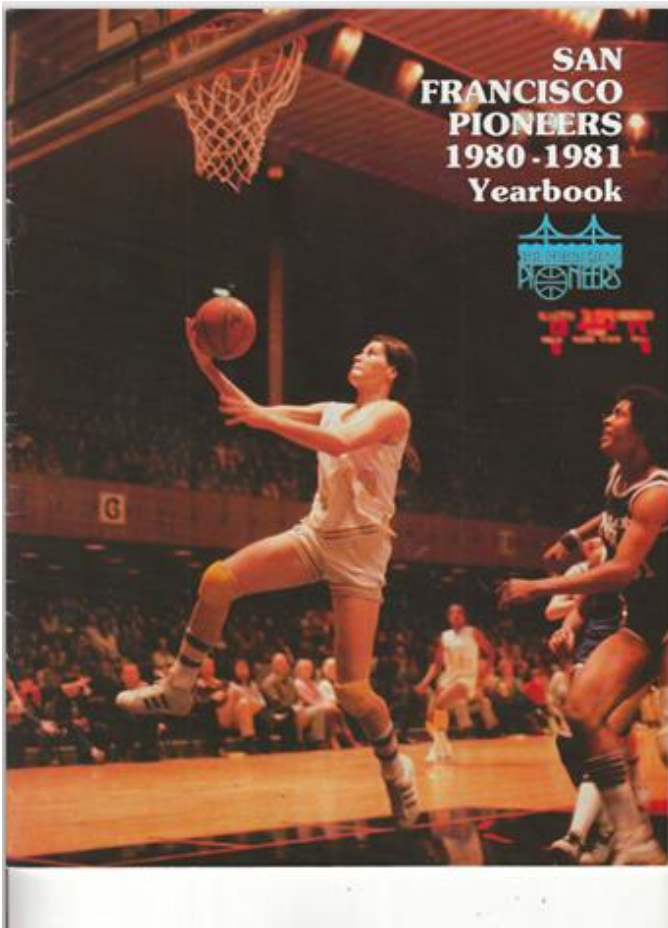
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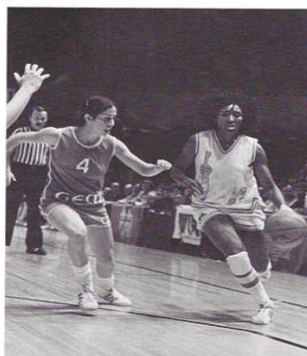
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MARSHALL GELLER President

When Marshall Geller initially informed his friends and business associates that he had acquired the first expansion franchise in the Women's Pro Basketball League, his enthusiasm was greeted by mixed reactions. Despite the skeptics, or perhaps because of them, Geller redoubled his efforts to bring a winner to the Bay Area, building a team which very nearly reached the WBL finals in its first season.

"I truly believe that there is a viable market for women's professional basketball," Geller declares. "It is simply a matter of promoting it properly."

Geller must have done something right, for he assembled an operation that quickly became a showcase for the WBL. His business acumen, combined with a fan's love for the game, made him perhaps the league's most dynamic owner. In recognition of his success, Geller was named Owner of the Year by the league office.

A 1960 graduate of California State University at Los Angeles, Geller has been involved since graduation in the investment banking business and in international trade. He is currently general partner of a major brokerage house.

Geller and his wife, Bobbie, have two daughters, Alison, 11 and Lisa, 18.



FRANK LA PORTE Head Coach and General Manager

In his first season in the WBL (and first coaching women), Frank LaPorte led the expansion Pioneers to a berth in the WBL semi-finals. Through his club lost in that round to the eventual champions New York Stars, LaPorte had established himself as one of the young league's top coaches in just his first season.

A native of Chicago, LaPorte began his Bay Area basketball career as a player at St. Mary's College in Moraga. Following his graduation, he assumed the head coaching duties at Oakland's Bishop O'Donnell High School, where he led the Dragons to a 12-year record of 142-73. LaPorte then returned to his alma mater to serve as freshman and junior varsity coach for three years. He was named Head Coach at St. Mary's in 1973, winning Northern California Coach of the Year honors while guiding the Gauchos to a 16-12 mark in his first season.

LaPorte attributes last season's success to the never-say-die spirit of his club. "I was real proud of our women last year," he says. "They always came to play and never quit."

This year, the second year coach looks for even greater prosperity. "We're really excited about the prospects for this season," LaPorte declares. "We have some top players returning, along with some very talented rookies; if we stay healthy, we can have an excellent year."

When not directing his charges on the court, LaPorte stays busy by operating all-season coaching camps. A bachelor, LaPorte is a resident of Oakland.



DEBBIE RICKETTS Assistant Coach

Deborah Jayne Ricketts
Height: 5-4; Weight: 115
Age: 25; Born: 6-17-55 in Orange, CA
College: Cal State, Fullerton, 77; Major: Physical Education
Acquired: Signed as free agent, June 15, 1979

Debbie Ricketts can tell you all about the players coming out of college these days. It's "Coach Ricketts" now, for, with two of the Pioneers' four draft choices going towards the selection of guards, Ricketts found herself without a job at the conclusion of tryout camp. Not to worry, however; the 5-4 firebrand, who last year fulfilled the post guard duties for San Francisco, was tabbed by Head Coach Frank LaPorte to assist him in his efforts to bring the WBL championship to the City.

"Debbie is a great competitor and the players respect her," says LaPorte. "I think she'll be a valuable asset to the club this year."

Ricketts averaged 19.4 minutes per game last year, second only to Anita Oteaga, and her ability to run seemingly forever earned her the nickname "Bionic Woman." She stresses conditioning during practice.

"One of the reasons we were so successful last year was our conditioning program," Ricketts says. "There was a number of games in which the opponent simply got tired and couldn't keep up with us."



Ricketts, who assisted Nancy Dumble when the latter coached at Fullerton State, will remain on the Pioneers' roster for 1980-81 although she doesn't figure to see much action unless injuries cripple the team.

1979-80 Statistics:											
G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D
36	1417	35.4	114-287	.397	22-36	.611	93	2.6	134	3.7	136-4
1979-80 Playoff Statistics:											
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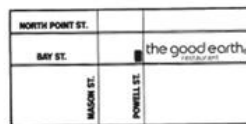
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To this day, Callahan exhibits a warm, easy going broadcasting style, often calling Pioneer players by their first names. His personality on the airwaves, however, does not impair his quick perception and analysis of the game action.

"Next to Bill King," says Pioneer Head Coach Frank LaPorte, "Dick Callahan is the best basketball play-by-play man I know."

When he's not wearing a headset and microphone, the Scranton, Pa. native is Director of Agencies for West Coast Life Insurance Company.



MILDRED T. WRIGHT Trainer

Millie Wright joins the Pioneer staff this year after twenty-five years in private practice as a Registered Physical Therapist in the East Bay, specializing in home health care for the aged and handicapped.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Wright did her graduate study in Physical Therapy at the University of Southern California. She also received further training at the Sports Medicine Education Institute in Atlanta, GA.

Wright's previous experience includes duties at Foote Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Mich. and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Currently, she is on the staff of the Alta Bates Hospital Physical Therapy Department and coordinates the hospital's Employee Fitness Program at the Alta Bates Sports Care Center.

A resident of Berkeley, Wright has three sons and a daughter.



Shauna (l) and Millie (r) Wright

SHAUNA WRIGHT Assistant Trainer

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Shauna Wright has served as a physical therapy assistant at U.C.-Davis and the Easter Seals Society in Sacramento. She has also worked with the U.C.-Davis "Shape-Up" Faculty/Student Fitness Program and as an exercise instructor at the Orinda Community Center.

Presently, she works with her mother, Millie, as an instructor in the Employee Fitness Program at Alta Bates Hospital's Sports Care Center.

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Nancy Lynn Dunkle ("Nance")
Height: 6-2; Weight: 135
Age: 25; Born: 1-10-55 in Bainbridge, MD
College: Cal State, Fullerton, '77; Major: Theology
Acquired: Signed as free agent, March 4, 1980; Second Year



Nancy Dunkle came to the Pioneers late in the '79-80 season, providing a spark that helped propel the team into the WBL playoffs. She played in San Francisco's final four regular season games, coming off the bench to average 14.5 points and 8.0 rebounds per contest, while hitting on 62.5% of her field goal attempts (25-40). Included in that string was a 23 point, nine rebound performance in the March 9 double overtime victory over the Dallas Diamonds, the game that clinched a playoff berth for the Pioneers. Dunkle started San Francisco's final playoff game against New York, gathering 12 rebounds to share the team lead.

Originally signed and then traded by the New Orleans Pride, Nancy Dunkle began her "second career" last season with the California Dreams. Following a remarkable tenure at Cal State, Fullerton, which included duties on the 1975 U.S. Pan American Games team and the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team and three-time All-American recognition, Dunkle assumed the coaching chores

at her alma mater, finishing with a two-year mark of 25-22. She came out of retirement to play for the Dreams, finishing second on the team in both scoring (15.5 ppg) and rebounding (9.0 rpg) while dividing her time between the center and forward spots. She also served the Dreams for a time as player-coach, along with teammate Mary Schaff.

An intelligent, team-oriented player, Dunkle approaches her first full season as a Pioneer as the heir apparent to the role of starting center following the off-season trade of Kim Hansen.

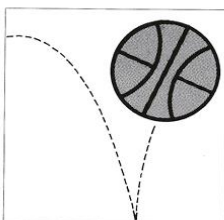
"Because of her great experience, Nancy is probably the premier center in the league," says Pioneer Head Coach Frank LaPorte, who has designated Dunkle as one of his three team captains.

When not tearing down rebounds, Dunkle is likely to be found practicing on the cello or working in one of the myriad church activities to which she gives her time. When she hangs up her jersey, Nancy says she may return to coaching and would like to stay involved in some form of Christian ministry work.

1979-80 Statistics:																
	G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	TO	TP	AVG.	HQ
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S.F.	4	116	29.0	25-40	.625	6-12	.515	32	8.0	4	1.0	16-0	8	58	14.5	23
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1979-80 Playoff Statistics:																
	G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	TO	TP	AVG.	HQ
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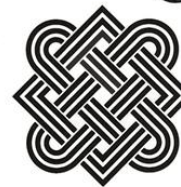


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10 CARDIE HICKS Guard/Forward

Cardie Lee Hicks ("Magic")
Height: 5-8½; Weight: 140
Age: 25; Born: 6-17-55 in Torrance, CA
College: Cal State, Long Beach, '77; Major: Music
Acquired: Signed as free agent, June 1, 1979; Second year

The first player signed by the Pioneers, Cardie Hicks showed every sign of living up to her nickname "Magic," averaging 20.3 points and nearly two and a half steals per game before being sidelined for 26 games with stress fractures in both legs. Hicks was out from December 4 until March 13, but returned in championship form, scoring 21 points against the New Orleans Pride the first time she stepped back onto the court. She took team high scoring honors four nights later, pumping in 24 points in the first game of the WBL quarterfinal series against Houston and finished second among Pioneer scoring leaders through the playoffs, averaging 15.8 points per contest.

A versatile athlete, Hicks played basketball and volleyball at Long Beach, winning MVP honors on both teams. She also participated in basketball and track and field on the AAU level. Prior to signing with the Pioneers, Hicks played pro basketball for two seasons in Holland, again garnering Most Valuable Player recognition.

Hicks is expected to see most of her playing time this season at the guard position, moving from the forward spot she occupied in



'79-80, a change which should allow her to take even greater advantage of her outstanding leaping abilities. "Cardie can out-jump probably every guard in the league," says Coach Frank LaPorte. "Her vertical jump will create a mismatch situation in many instances." The switch to guard will allow Hicks to display her flashy but controlled ball handling style, much to the chagrin of her opponents.

Despite her injuries last year, Hicks proved inspirational to her teammates on more than one occasion as she delighted the Pioneer audiences with a sparkling rendition of the National Anthem — delivered on crutches. A music major, Hicks hopes to sing or act professionally and wants also to work in coaching young children.

1979-80 Statistics:							
G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	
10	301	30.1	69-192	.464	13-20	.650	
1979-80 Playoff Statistics:							
5	151	30.2	35-83	.422	9-12	.750	



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13 PAT MAYO Forward

Patricia Lynn Mayo
Height: 5-10; Weight: 147
Age: 23; Born: 9-25-57 in Bayonne, NJ
College: Montclair (NJ) State College '79; Major: Physical Education
Acquired: First Round Draft Choice, 1979; Second Year

The first player chosen by the Pioneers in their initial college draft, Pat Mayo went on to become a solid performer on both offense and defense, exciting San Francisco audiences with her acrobatic steals and driving layups. For her efforts, Mayo has been named by Pioneer Head Coach Frank LaPorte as one of the team's tri-captains for 1980-81.

"Pat Mayo is a coach's player," asserts LaPorte. "She is one of the most intelligent players in the league."

Perhaps as much as anything else, Mayo's court savvy and hustle earned her the team's Most Valuable Player award in a vote of the fans at the season's close. Her statistics confirmed that selection. The former Montclair State Kodak All-American started all 41 regular season and playoff games in '79-80. Her 502 field goal percentage was the highest among all starters. She grabbed 9.1 rebounds per contest, tops among returning players, but double figures in rebounding in 14 regular season and three of five playoff games and led the team in assists on 13 occasions. She also led San Francisco in rebounding during the playoffs, averaging 8.6 rpg. Perhaps the most surprising, her deceptive quickness allowed her to finish fourth in the league (first among non-guard) in steals



with 1.3 per game; the kneejocks she wore to prevent flourishes quickly became her trademark.

Throughout her career at Montclair, Mayo was primarily known for her defensive work. Last year, she filled the power forward spot for the Pioneers, acquiring hands well despite often going against players several inches taller. Now, with the acquisition of Cindy Haugepode, and her own newly refined jump shot, Mayo figures to provide even more offensive firepower to the Pioneer lineup.

Of course, even All-Pro selections must think of career plans. Mayo, a physical education major, would like to enter the teaching field. She has already done some substitute work in the Hayward area in the off-season.

1979-80 Statistics:	G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	TO	TP	AVG.	HG
36	1414	39.3	209-416	502	527	148-213	700	423	9.1	91	2.5	150-7	100	587	15.8	32
1979-80 Playoff Statistics:	5	200	40.0	17-41	415	35-46	761	43	8.6	18	3.6	27-2	15	89	13.8	19

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33 MUSIETTE MCKINNEY Forward/Guard

Musiette Mary McKinney ("Muse")
Height: 5-9; Weight: 145
Age: 23; Born: 6-7-57 in Chicago, IL
College: Cal Poly, Pomona, '79; Major: Physical Education
Acquired: Fourth Round Draft Choice, 1979; Second Year

Musiette McKinney is one of the rare players who can come off the bench to provide an instant spark on either offense or defense.

McKinney began the 1979-80 season as the sixth woman on the Pioneer roster but quickly became a starter when Cardie Hicks went out of the lineup with stress fractures in both legs. McKinney justified Coach Frank LaPorte's faith in her ability to perform under pressure as she started 24 games while Hicks was out, averaging 17.9 points per contest over that stretch on the way to a season average of 15.8 ppg. Her 40 points against California on January 25 was the second highest single game total on the club.

"Muse did a super job for us, both as a starter and a reserve," says LaPorte. "She filled Cardie's spot as well as anyone could."

McKinney saw action at both the forward and guard positions last season, finishing third on the team in assists with 3.6 per



game. She also led the Pioneers in three point field goals, hitting 4 of 22 attempts.

A three time Southern California Athletic Association All-Conference selection at Cal Poly, McKinney played all three positions for the Broncos during her four years. She was voted best defensive player as a junior and was team Most Valuable Player senior year. Muse still considers defense to be her strong point, indeed, she finished fourth on the Pioneer roster in steals with 57.

A physical education major, McKinney hopes to enter the coaching profession — on the Junior College or university level — once her WBL career concludes.

1979-80 Statistics:										3 pt. FG: 4-22						
G	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	TO	TP	AVG.	HG	
36	1242	34.5	178-463	.384	201-288	.698	201	5.6	128	3.6	110-3	111	569	15.8	40	
1979-80 Playoff Statistics:										3 pt. FG: 0-5						
5	146	29.2	25-45	.556	23-31	.742	20	4.0	12	2.4	24-2	18	73	14.6	16	



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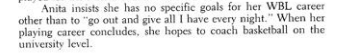
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1979-80 Statistics:													3-pt. FG: 0-6		
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36	1543	42.9	310-776	.399	247-349	.713	230	6.4	187	5.2	124-1	196	867	24.1	41
1979-80 Playoffs Statistics:													3-pt. FG: 0-1		
5	213	42.6	30-72	.417	22-28	.786	26	5.2	26	5.2	15-0	36	82	16.4	19



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#	NAME	POS	HIT	W	THRTDAY	COLLEGE	YRS. PRO*
44	Kerry Clawson	C/F	6'0"	13	14-56	University of Oregon '80	R (FA)
40	Nancy Dunkle	C	6'2"	15	10-55	Cal State-Fullerton '77	1
32	Margaret English	C	6'4"	16	8-55	South Carolina State Col. '80	R (FA)
43	Cindy Haugejorde	F	6'0"	16	1-58	University of Iowa '80	R (1)
10	Carrie Hicks	G/F	5'8 1/2"	14	17-55	Cal State-Northridge '77	1
13	Pat Mayo	F	5'10"	14	25-57	Montclair (N.J.) State Col. '79	1
33	Musette McKinney	F/G	5'9"	14	7-57	Cal Poly-Pomona '79	1
11	Anita Ortega	G	5'8"	13	12-57	U.C.L.A. '79	1
8	Debbie Ricketts†	G	5'4"	11	17-55	Cal State Fullerton '77	1
24	Alice Schmidt	G	5'6"	14	16-57	Montclair State '80	R (FA)
22	Suzanne Washington	G	5'8"	13	23-58	University of Oregon '80	R (4)
1	Roberta Williams	G	5'7"	13	9-58	South Carolina State Col. '80	R (2)

* Numbers in parentheses indicate round chosen in 1980 college draft; FA = free agent
† Ricketts remains on roster but will serve as assistant

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24 CINDY HAUGEJORDE Forward

Cynthia Sue Haugejorde ("Cyn")
Height: 6-0; Weight: 160
Age: 22; Born 3-1-58 in Heron Lake, MN
College: University of Iowa '80; Major: Sports Marketing
Acquired: First Round Draft Choice, 1980

When Pioneer's Head Coach Frank LaPorte first looked at his number one draft choice Cindy Haugejorde at September's tryout camp, his eyes lit up and he said "This is the power forward I've been looking for."

Indeed, Haugejorde, the sixth player chosen in the 1980 WBL draft, is cut in the classic power forward mold. She is strong enough to battle the WBL's other big forwards, is very mobile and has the added ability to shoot from the outside.

"Cindy is actually one of the best pure shooters on the team," notes LaPorte. "I think she can hit from outside all day long."

A four year starter at Iowa, Haugejorde averaged 20.2 points per game over that span. She holds the Hawkeyes career scoring mark of 2,059 points, more than any other Iowa player, male or female. And that includes such NBA luminaries as "Downtown" Freddy Brown and Johnny Johnson of the Seattle SuperSonics.

Haugejorde holds 10 Iowa records, including single game point and rebound totals. She averaged 10.5 rebounds per game throughout her career, despite often playing at center against players several inches taller. Included in her honors are Kodak-AIAW All-Region VI recognition and National Scouting Association All-American First Team Selection. She was also nominated



for the prestigious Wade Trophy, given annually to the nation's top female collegiate basketball player.

Cindy has international experience as well, having played for the U.S. team in the 1977 Pan American Games and having travelled to Asia and Europe with U.S. squads in 1979. But she listed her greatest thrill in college as an appearance in the 1980 Big 10 Tournament. The Hawkeyes brought a 10-10 team into the tourney and nearly won it all, dropping a 69-66 decision to defending champion Northwestern. Haugejorde scored 37 points in that effort.

A durable performer, Haugejorde never missed a game due to injury while at Iowa. Now relocated to the San Francisco area, she does find time to "play tourist," exploring the sights around the City by Bay.

Cindy says she wants only to "play to the best of my abilities" in the WBL, preferring not to set any lofty goals. Once her career is over, however, she wants to coach on the college level.

College Statistics (4 years, University of Iowa):	G	FGM-FTA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REBS	AVG.	TP	AVG.	HIGH
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1 ROBERTA WILLIAMS

Guard

Roberta Claudette Williams ("Bert")
Height: 5-7; Weight: 130
Age: 22; Born: 3-9-58 in Charleston, SC
College: South Carolina State College, '80; Major: Health,
Physical Education & Recreation
Acquired: Second Round Draft Choice, 1980

The scoring leader at South Carolina State throughout her four year career, Roberta Williams piled up 2,433 total points for an 18.7 ppg average. As a senior, she led her team in scoring, assists and steals. Over four years, she averaged 4.3 assists and 3.7 steals per game.

The 19th player chosen in the June WBL draft, Roberta Williams is a four-time American Women's Sports Foundation Division II All-American. In 1979, she was named Most Valuable Player at the AIAW Division II championships as she led the Lady Bulldogs to the national title as a junior. Last season, she was also chosen MVP at the South Carolina AIAW playoffs and the Region II championships. In recognition of her efforts, South Carolina State will retire her jersey number at a special ceremony in May.

One of several guards acquired by the Pioneers during the off-season, Williams is expected to contribute both offensively and defensively. She has excellent quickness and is a good penetrator.

A Health and Physical Education major, Williams hopes to work with athletic programs for handicapped and emotionally disturbed youngsters.



College Statistics (4 years, South Carolina State):
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22 SUZANNE WASHINGTON

Guard

Suzanne Washington
Height: 5-8; Weight: 132
Age: 22; Born: 7-21-58 in Douglas, AZ
College: University of Oregon, '80; Major: Physical Education
Acquired: Fourth Round Draft Choice, 1980

The only Bay Area product on this year's Pioneer roster, Suzanne Washington has come a long way since the days in which she played center at Concord's Ygnacio Valley High School. In fact, she has made the move all the way to point guard, her position at Oregon the past two seasons. In between, there were two years at forward for Humboldt State, where she averaged 17.2 points per game and was a two-time team Most Valuable Player.

Washington, the Pioneers' fourth pick in the 1980 draft and the 47th player chosen overall, quarterbacked the Ducks' offense for two years, averaging 3.8 assists per game. She also scored 12.8 points per contest and picked off 3.1 steals.

A well-rounded player, Washington plays aggressively on both offense and defense. While at Oregon, she was a Northwest Women's Basketball League All-Conference selection, AIAW Region IX All-Tournament Team Choice and National Scouting



Association All-Region in each of her two years. Washington also has international experience, having faced the Russian and Korean National Teams while at Oregon and she played in the Venezuelan Summer League prior to joining the Pioneers' training camp this year.

An amateur photographer, Washington loves dogs and nearly all sports. She hopes to enter the coaching field in the future.

College Statistics (2 years, University of Oregon):
G FGM-FOGA PCT. FTM-FTA PCT. REBS. AVG. PF. AST. AVG. TO. ST. TP. AVG.
54 299-608 .493 95-144 .660 217 4.0 136 204 3.8 224 170 693 12.8

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44 KERRY CLAWSON

Center/Forward

Kerry Ray Clawson
Height: 6-0; Weight: 130
Age: 24; Born: 11-14-56 in Deer Lodge, MT
College: University of Oregon, '80; Major: Health Education
Acquired: Signed as free agent, October 29, 1980

When Kerry Clawson heard that his former Oregon teammate Suzanne Washington would be trying for a spot on the Pioneers' roster, he decided to give it a go, too. Of the nearly two dozen free agents who arrived on September 29, Clawson was the only one to win a place on the team.

A strong rebounder and excellent leaper, Clawson has excellent speed as well. She competed in both basketball and track and field in junior college, specializing in the 110 meter hurdles and the high jump. At Oregon, she averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocked shots per game as a reserve. She also played, along with Washington, in the Venezuelan summer league in 1980.



Although she completed her eligibility in 1979, Clawson remained at Oregon to finish her studies, keeping in shape by playing rec league ball and competing in the Venezuelan league before attending the Pioneers' camp.

She hopes to enter the health care field when her basketball days are past.

College Statistics (2 years, University of Oregon):
G FGM-FOGA PCT. FTM-FTA PCT. REBS. AVG. PF. AST. AVG. ST. AVG. BLK. AVG. TP. AVG.
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24 ALICE SCHMIDT Guard

Alice Kathleen Schmidt
Height: 5-6; Weight: 140
Age: 23; Born: 2-16-57 in Jersey City, NJ
College: Montclair (NJ) State, '80; Major: Journalism
Acquired: Signed as free agent, November 10, 1980

The third Montclair State graduate to appear on the San Francisco roster, Alice Schmidt rejoins her former teammate, Pat Mayo, as a Pioneer.

A second round draft pick of the New York Stars in June, 1980, Schmidt brings with her a reputation as a superb ball handler and a fiercely aggressive defensive specialist. She led the nation in assists as a junior, averaging 8.7 per game. Last year, the Jersey City native averaged 6.3 assists and 3.5 steals per contest. Schmidt was nominated last season for the Margaret Wade Trophy, given annually to the nation's top women's collegiate



basketball player. She has had numerous opportunities at post season competition, including Montclair State's appearance in the AIAW championships in 1978 and has also appeared with Montclair in the Madison Square Garden Invitational Tournament.

A journalism major, Alice says she'd like to enter that field after playing, either as a college sports information director or a sportswriter.

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Margaret Mac English
Height: 6-4; Weight: 162
Age: 25; Born: 7-4-55 in Columbia, SC
College: South Carolina State College, '80; Major: Library Science
Acquired: Signed as free agent, June 6, 1980

Easily the tallest player on the Pioneer roster, Margaret English specializes in rebounding. In four years at S.C. State, she averaged 12.5 rebounds per game. She was the team leader in rebounds every year.

English was named along with Pioneer teammate Roberta Williams to the All-Tournament team at the AIAW Division II Championships in 1979 as the Lady Bulldogs took the national title. She was a second team American Women's Sports Foundation All-American as a senior.

Offensively, English averaged 14.6 points per game throughout her career. Last season, she averaged 15.5 ppg while hitting on



61.6% of her field goal attempts.

English, whose brother Alex plays for the NBA Denver Nuggets, enjoys other sports, especially tennis, but doesn't plan on coaching. Her career plans include work as a librarian or school counselor.

College Statistics (4 years, South Carolina State)	G	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB.	AVG.	AST	AVG.	BLK.	TP	AVG.
	101	638-1135	.562	202-338	.598	1202	12.5	51	0.5	163	1478	14.6

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2	19	Roberto Williams	F	6'5"	South Carolina State Col.
3	31	Margaret English	F/C	4'7"	Central Missouri State Univ.
4	47	Margaret English	G	5'9"	Chicago
5	see pick	traded to St. Louis	C	6'1"	Cal Poly, Pomona
6	71	Robbie Brown	G	5'7"	U.C.L.A.
7	88	Chase Freeman	F	5'10"	Univ. of Charleston
8	101	Karen Mary	F	5'7"	U.S.C.
9	see pick	traded to St. Louis			
10	127	Kelly Hill	G	5'7"	U.S.C.

1980 Off-season transactions

Off-season transactions
June 3, 1980: Free agent Sherry Pace (5-10 forward) signed.
June 6, 1980: Free agent Margaret English (5-5 center) signed.
June 11, 1980: Free agent Kater Gray (5-5 guard) signed.
August 15, 1980: Veterans Eric Schick (5-4 guard) traded to Tampa Bay Sun for 1981 third round pick.
Sept. 5, 1980: Veterans Kim Harvath (5-6 center) traded to Chicago Bulls for 1981 third round pick.
October 1, 1980: Veterans James Turrell (5-0 center/forward) placed on waivers.
Oct. 13, 1980: Rookie Kater Gray (5-5 guard) placed on waivers.
Oct. 24, 1980: Rookie Sherry Pace released.
Oct. 26, 1980: Free agent Karen Claxton (5-0 center/forward) signed.
Nov. 10, 1980: Free agent Alice Schick (5-4 guard) signed.

Veterans retiring

Forward Earl Hansen (5-1)

Guard Pam Martin (5-6)

1979 Draft Choices

Round	Pick	Player	Pos.	School
1	1	Pat Calanoci	5-10 F	Montclair (NJ) State Col.
2	1	Kim Hansen	6-1 C	Grand Valley (MI) State
3	1	Anna Oberg	5-8 G	U.C.L.A.
4	1	Maureen McKenney	5-9 F/C	Cal Poly, Pomona
5	1	Janet Knicker	5-8 G	Washington State
6	1	Jackie Martin	6-0 C	Montana State
7	1	Brenda Martin	6-0 F	Cal State, Fullerton
8	1	Mary Davidson	5-7 G	Washington State



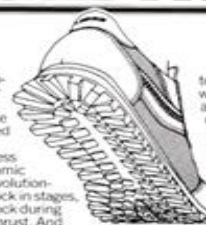
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January 22, March 11



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New Jersey Gems
March 25 & 26



NANCY LIEBERMAN, Dallas Diamonds
Dec. 12 & 26, Feb. 27



INGE NISSEN, Chicago Hustle
January 22, March 11



AUGUSTA FOREST, New Orleans Pride

PIONEERS' 1980-81 SCHEDULE

HOME			ROAD		
DEC 12 FRI Dallas Diamonds	7:30 p.m.	DEC 27 FRI Dallas Diamonds	7:30 p.m.	DEC 17 WED New Jersey Gems	6:30 p.m.
DEC 26 SUN Dallas Diamonds	5:00 p.m.	MAR 15 FRI Chicago Hustle	7:30 p.m.	DEC 19 FRI New Orleans Pride	5:30 p.m.
DEC 30 SUN Minnesota Fliers	7:30 p.m.	MAR 16 SAT St. Louis Break	7:30 p.m.	FEB 12 THU Norwalk Wings	5:30 p.m.
JAN 4 SUN New England Gulls	7:30 p.m.	MAR 20 MON Norwalk Wings	7:30 p.m.	FEB 14 SUN Dallas Diamonds	12:00 noon
JAN 8 TUE New England Gulls	7:30 p.m.	MAR 24 WED New Jersey Gems	7:30 p.m.	FEB 24 SAT New Orleans Pride	5:30 p.m.
JAN 20 THU New Orleans Pride	7:30 p.m.	MAR 26 FRI New Jersey Gems	7:30 p.m.	MAR 1 TUE Minnesota Fliers	5:30 p.m.
JAN 22 THU Chicago Hustle	7:30 p.m.	MAR 28 SAT New Jersey Gems	7:30 p.m.	MAR 6 FRI Chicago Hustle	5:30 p.m.
FEB 1 SAT St. Louis Break	7:30 p.m.	MAR 29 SUN New Orleans Pride	7:30 p.m.	MAR 8 SUN New Jersey Gems	11:00 a.m.
FEB 2 MON Norwalk Wings	7:30 p.m.	MAR 31 TUE Minnesota Fliers	7:30 p.m.	MAR 10 WED New England Gulls	6:30 p.m.

All times PST

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SAN FRANCISCO PIONEERS Final 1979-80 Regular Season Statistics 18-18

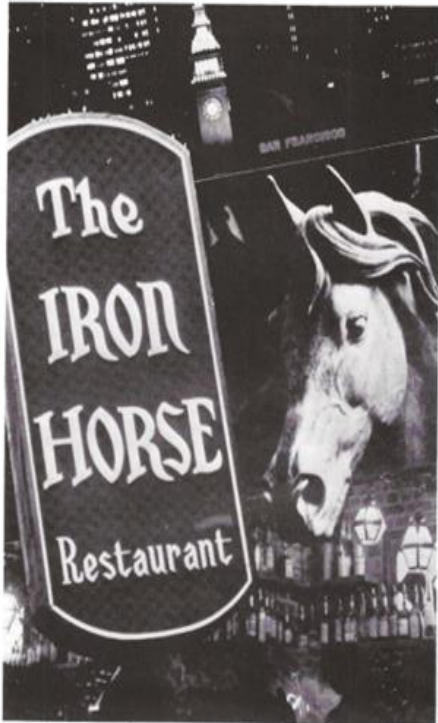
PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	OFF	DEF	REBS	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	STL	TO	BLK	TP	AVG.	HIGH
DUNKLE	4	0	116	29.0	25-40	.625	8-13	.615	5	27	32	8.0	4	1.0	16-0	2	8	2	58	14.5	23
HANSEN, B.	11	0	37	3.4	2-9	.222	8-12	.667	3	4	7	0.6	2	0.2	7-0	0	2	2	12	1.5	5
HANSEN, K.	36	36	1132	31.4	145-290	.500	88-161	.548	135	248	383	10.6	61	1.7	158-6	34	73	35	378	10.5	24
HICKS	10	8	301	30.1	89-192	.464	13-20	.650	13	34	47	4.7	26	2.6	44-1	26	22	12	191	19.1	30
MARTIN	17	0	103	6.1	3-16	.188	10-13	.769	2	2	4	0.2	7	0.4	16-0	4	15	2	16	0.9	4
MAYO	36	36	1414	39.3	209-416	.502	149-213	.700	119	208	327	9.1	91	2.5	150-7	119	100	8	567	15.8	32
McKINNEY	36	24	1242	34.5	178-463	.384	201-288	.698	57	144	201	5.6	128	3.6	110-3	57	111	5	569	15.8	40
ORTEGA	36	36	1543	42.9	310-776	.399	247-349	.713	114	116	230	6.4	187	5.2	124-1	91	196	14	867	24.1	41
RICKETTS	36	34	1417	39.4	114-287	.397	22-36	.611	23	70	93	2.6	134	3.7	136-4	69	103	6	256	7.1	18
SILCOTT	5	2	140	28.0	36-74	.486	25-42	.505	6	6	12	2.4	14	2.8	22-1	7	23	0	97	19.4	24
TERNYIK	36	4	751	20.9	84-189	.444	85-124	.685	79	112	191	5.3	35	1.0	119-5	23	65	11	253	7.0	15
OTHERS (8)			590		59-200	.295	44-65	.677	59	102	161		31		85-2	28	74	8			162
TOTAL	36		8790		1254-2952	.425	900-1336	.674	615	1073	1688	46.9	720	20.0	987-30	460	792	105	3426	95.2	114
OPPONENTS	36		8790		1244-2892	.430	876-1264	.693	635	1165	1800	50.0	691	19.2	953-18	398	930	93	3367	93.5	116
THREE POINT GOALS: SAN FRANCISCO 6-41 (McKinney 4-22; Ricketts 2-11; Ortega 0-6; Mayo 0-2)																					
OPPONENTS 1-3 (Muffett McGraw, CA 1-1; Linda Matthews, CA 0-1; Silcott, ST.L 0-1)																					
TEAM REBOUNDS: SAN FRANCISCO 186 DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: SAN FRANCISCO 189																					
OPPONENTS 193 OPPONENTS 178																					
SCORING BY PERIOD: 1 2 3 4 OT OT F																					
OPPONENTS 808 830 807 878 33 11 3367																					
PIONEERS 853 809 816 692 36 18 3426																					

SAN FRANCISCO PIONEERS 1979-Statistics — Playoffs (5 games) Record: 2-3

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	AVG	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	OFF	DEF	REBS	AVG.	AST	AVG.	PF-D	STL	TO	BLK	TP	AVG.	HIGH
DUNKLE	2	1	145-29.0	25-45	.556	7-9	.778	11	27	38	7.6	6	1.2	18-1	1	21	6	57	11.4	17	
HANSEN, B.	5	4	96-19.2	11-14	.786	11-14	.786	10	15	25	5.0	6	1.2	17-0	3	13	0	33	6.6	12	
HICKS	5	5	151-30.2	35-83	.422	9-12	.750	7	14	21	4.2	14	2.8	19-0	5	16	2	79	15.8	24	
MARTIN	5	5	200-40.0	17-41	.415	35-46	.761	8	35	43	8.6	18	3.6	27-2	9	15	1	69	13.8	19	
MAYO	5	0	146-29.2	25-45	.556	23-31	.742	5	15	20	4.0	12	2.4	24-2	4	18	2	73	14.6	16	
McKINNEY	5	0	213-42.6	30-72	.417	22-28	.786	11	15	26	5.2	26	5.2	15-0	5	36	1	82	16.4	19	
ORTEGA	5	5	141-28.2	8-20	.400	2-4	.500	3	10	13	2.6	12	2.4	10-0	6	11	0	18	3.6	6	
RICKETTS	5	0	108-21.6	12-22	.545	18-26	.692	8	20	28	5.6	4	0.8	16-1	5	14	1	42	8.4	16	
TERNYIK	5	0	108-21.6	12-22	.545	18-26	.692	8	20	28	5.6	4	0.8	16-1	5	14	1	42	8.4	16	
TOTALS	5	—	1200		163-342	.477	127-170	.747	63	151	214	42.8	98	19.6	146-6	38	144	13	453	90.6	98
OPPONENTS	5	—	1200		174-385	.452	114-179	.637	82	127	209	41.8	86	13.2	143-1	69	118	8	462	92.4	104
THREE POINT GOALS: SAN FRANCISCO 0-7 (McKinney 0-5; Hicks 0-1; Ortega 0-1)																					
OPPONENTS 0-5 (Matthews, HOU 0-2; Mayo, HOU 0-1; Aulenbacher, HOU 0-1; Moore, NY 0-1)																					
TEAM REBOUNDS: SAN FRANCISCO 12 DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: SAN FRANCISCO 27																					
OPPONENTS 8 OPPONENTS 38																					
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PIONEERS 103 108 110 132 — — 453																					

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