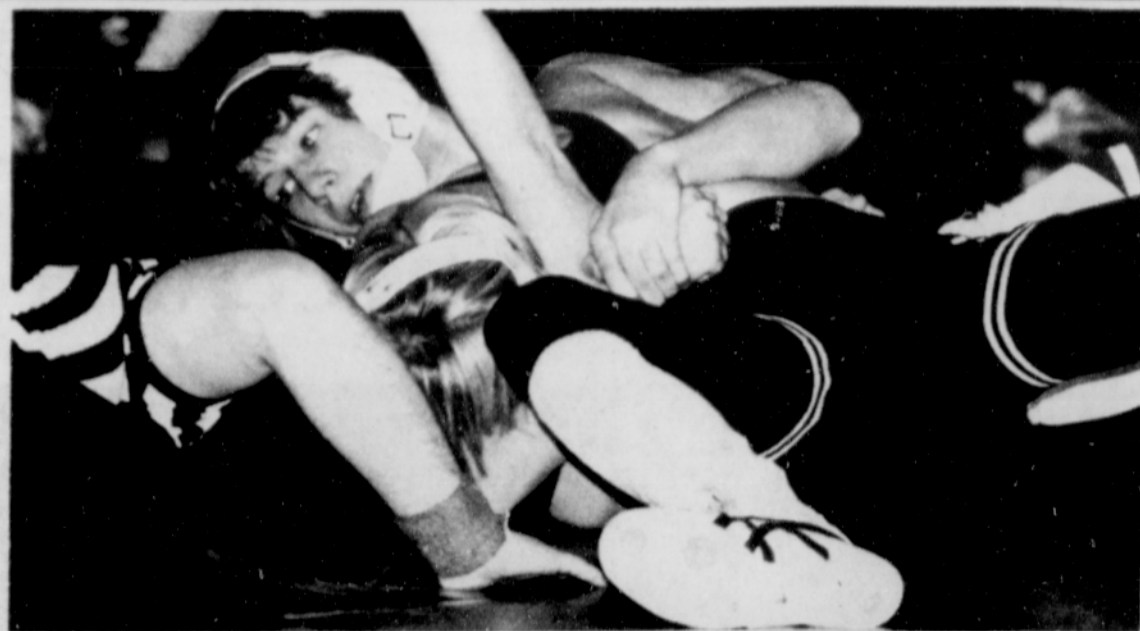
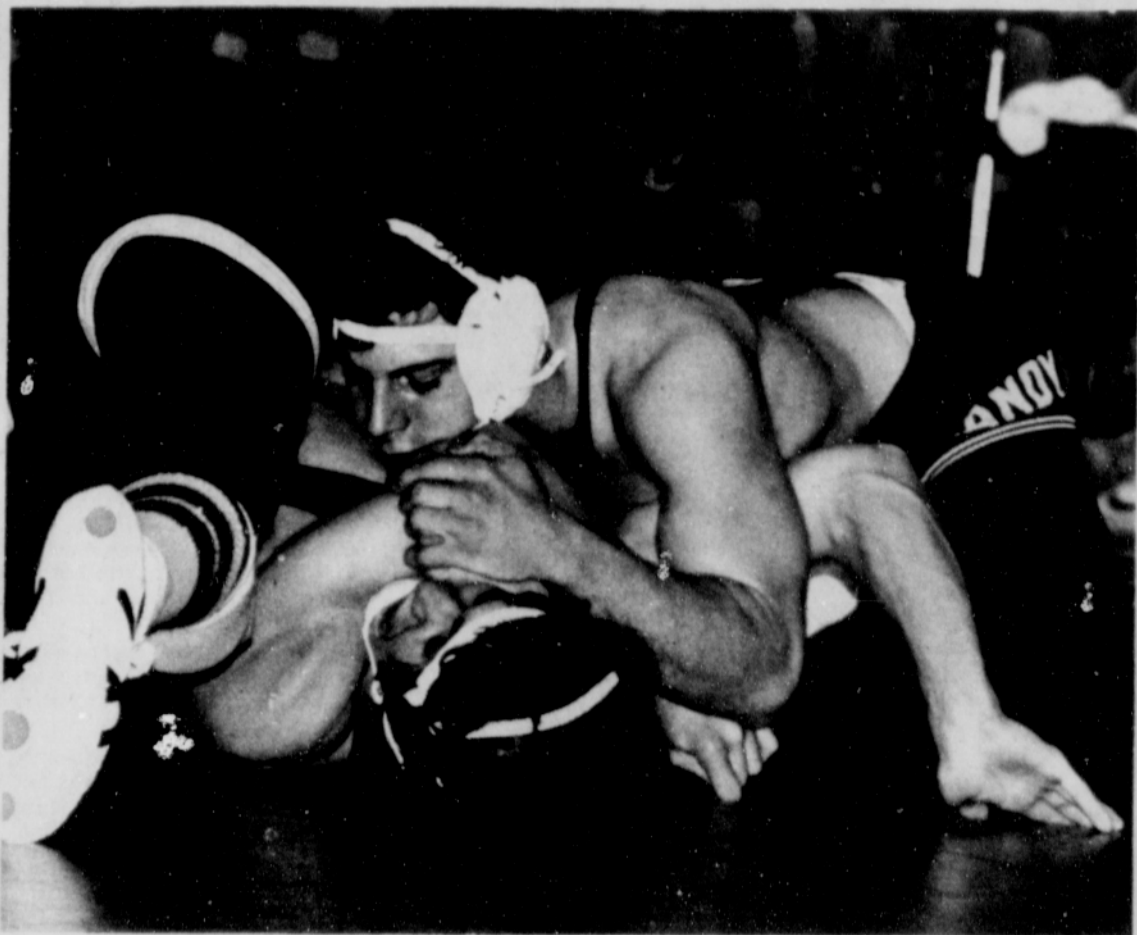




Pioneers whip West Linn 55-14 in league opener



Photos by Scott Newton

Above: Randy Carmony, a senior 191 pounder, works for a fall against a West Linn opponent. Top left: Larry Topliff, a junior 106 pounder, also has his West Linn opponent in pinning position. Bottom left: Dan Martin, a senior 157 pounder, got his record to 7-0 with a 21-4 win Thursday. Martin got his record to 10-0 after winning the Cardinal Classic. Carmony also won an individual title, and Topliff had a second-place finish. The Pioneers won the tournament and the Timber Valley League opener.

SUHS wrestlers win third tournament title

by SCOTT NEWTON

From the 157-pound weight class up, Sandy Pioneer wrestlers have compiled a 50-0 record.

Dan Martin, Chuck Kearney, Calvin McKinnis, Randy Carmony and Tim Systma all won individual titles at the Cardinal Classic in Tacoma, Wash., this weekend.

The varsity handily won the team title, as did the second varsity. The Pioneers also won the trophy for most falls, and junior Chuck Kearney, a 168 pounder, was voted the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler by the coaches.

The tournament, which is billed as "The largest single one-day wrestling tournament in the state of Washington," provided some tough competition, according to Coach Ron Calhoun.

Kearney's weight class was especially tough. The fifth-place seed had participated in last year's Washington state tournament.

Calhoun said that it was pretty much assumed that whoever won the 168-pound weight division would win the Outstanding Wrestler award.

Kearney won by fall the first two rounds, and then won 4-2 in the finals. Calhoun said that he dominated the last match, but had a hard time because his shoulder and arm were taped too tightly.

He said that the match was not as close as the score indicates.

Martin, a 157 pounder, also had no trouble winning the first two rounds. He pinned Terry Choate of Elma in the finals.

Calhoun said that a coach from Franklin Pierce told him that Choate is "awesome," and had dropped down from the 178-pound weight class.

Calhoun said that Choate made Martin look like a dwarf, but added, "As you can see, Dan had no respect for his opponent's size."

Cal McKinnis, a 178 pounder, won by a fall, and then won two one-point decisions.

McKinnis, Randy Carmony and Scott Skipper are the team's most improved wrestlers this season, Calhoun said.

Carmony, a 191 pounder, won by forfeit, got a pin, and then won 6-0 in the finals.

Skipper has been wrestling second varsity following a leg injury, but Calhoun considers him a varsity wrestler. McKinnis, Kearney, Skipper and Carmony are bunched together in three weight classes.

Skipper won the second

varsity individual title Saturday, and so far this season has won every match by fall.

Senior heavyweight Tim Systma won by forfeit first round, won by fall second round, and won 5-0 in the finals.

The wrestler that took third in the heavyweight division was sixth in last year's Washington state tournament, and the wrestler that beat him, Ken Young of Franklin Pierce, then lost to Systma.

So, Calhoun was pleased to have Systma win against tough opponents.

Calhoun was also pleased with junior 98-pounder John Cox, who won two overtime matches on his way to a third-place finish.

Junior Larry Topliff, a 106 pounder, won by fall first round, won 14-3 second round, and lost 5-3 in the finals to Mark Peterson of Franklin Pierce, a Washington state tournament runner-up last year in the 98-pound weight division.

"Randy Swanson at 115 was a real surprise," Calhoun said.

He stepped in for Dave Kenison, who was ill, and lost first round 6-1 to the eventual champion. He was then victorious in three matches in the consolation bracket to "quite handily win third place."

He won 7-2 in the match for third.

Bill Mathews, a 123 pounder, lost first round to the eventual champion, won second round, but lost 7-6 in a match for third place.

Even though junior Mike Rohweder jumped up three weight classes to the 130-pound division, he still hasn't lost his winning way. He won by fall first round, won 6-5 in the semifinals, and then fell 16-4 in the finals to Mike Valdiver of Timberline, who won his second Cardinal Classic title.

Although the score was 16-4, it was an exciting match to watch, Calhoun said.

Freshman Brent Kearney and junior Mo Contreras finished sixth in the tournament.

Contreras lost first round, won 11-6, and then withdrew from the tournament because of rib problems.

Doug Ziolkowski, a senior 148 pounder, lost first round, won second round, lost third round, and won his final match by a fall for fifth place.

Second varsity finishes include Brad Emerson, 98 lb., 2nd; Mel Gedde, 106 lb., 2nd; Jeff Smith, 123 lb., 2nd; Mike Sheppard, 136 lb., 1st; Paul Gagner, 141 lb., 1st; Randy Sprenger, 148 lb., 2nd; Bob Weyer, 157 lb., 2nd; Loren Bateman,

168 lb., 2nd; Frank McKinnis, 178 lb., 1st; Skipper, 191 lb., 1st; Roland Aumuller, hwt., 2nd.

Twelve second varsity wrestlers qualified for the finals in 13 weight divisions.

"It made it look like it was Sandy versus an all-star team from Washington," Calhoun said.

The Pioneers downed West Linn 55-14 Thursday in Timber Valley League action.

Brent Kearney had the only close match, dropping an 11-8 decision.

"Brent wrestled one of their best kids, and in his usual form, he did the right things at the right times. It's just that he's a freshman, and makes some freshman mistakes."

"He hangs in there and does a good job each time," Calhoun said. "I have a feeling he's going to get better and better and better, because he does things right, lose or win. That's what is really critical."

Calhoun said that Martin probably wrestled his best match to date.

It was mostly takedown practice for Martin, who won 21-4.

"I feel that if nothing's happening on the ground, you might as well let him go and get after him on his feet, because we want things to happen," Calhoun said.

Chuck Kearney is the same way, he added. Kearney pinned his West Linn opponent one minute and 20 seconds after the match had begun.

They were wrestling up, but Kearney took his opponent to the mat with a crowd-pleasing ankle sweep, and pinned him seconds later.

"It was awful smooth," Calhoun said about the ankle sweep.

"The guy starts worrying about his head and shoulders and the next thing he knows his feet are gone out from under him," Calhoun said.

"There are two or three things that he just does as well as any college wrestler I've seen. He's very, very refined."

Cal McKinnis, wrestling up a weight class in the 178-pound division, also won by a fall in the first period.

Calhoun praised McKinnis for his aggressive style. Carmony also won, but with a style nearly the opposite of McKinnis's. "He's more regimented, systematic," Calhoun said. "Randy plans ahead what's going to happen. Calvin just lets it happen and makes sure it happens in his favor."

"Both are successful in their own way. I guess

that's the nice thing about wrestling. You can do it your own way sometimes."

"Like Tim Systma at heavyweight, he has a hold, I guess you'd say, that he himself has developed, and it's his baby."

"I showed him the basic theory behind this leg situation, and he's taken it over from there on his own, and he's made his own hold. I've never seen anybody do it but him, and he's good at it. He does it to everybody."

Calhoun was also pleased with Swanson's performance Thursday. "He wrestled quite well," Calhoun said.

The Pioneers, ranked number three in The Oregonian's coach's poll, take on number six Oregon City Jan. 7. They'll wrestle number eight, Canby, Jan. 14. After that they'll compete in the North Bend Invitational against North Bend, number two, and Crater, number five.

Sweet Home, another TVL team, is ranked ninth.

Cardinal Classic team scores: Sandy 211.5, Stadium 167.5, Franklin Pierce 167.5, Elma 140, Enumclaw 135, Timberline 105.5, Washington 79.5, Central Kitsap 35, Orting 25. Second varsity Cardinal Classic team scores: Sandy 250, Franklin Pierce 171.5, Stadium 129, Enumclaw 117.5, Elma 106, Timberline 86.4, Orting 69.5, Washington 48.5, Central Kitsap 25.

Sandy 55, West Linn 14
Dec. 17

98: John Cox won by forfeit.
106: Larry Topliff pinned Oidenstad, 42.
115: Randy Swanson pinned Sterrett, 1:54.
123: Bill Mathews tied with Williams, 5-5.
130: Mike Rohweder pinned Waterman, 1:33.
136: Brent Kearney lost 11-8 to S. Schutler.

141: Mo Contreras lost 7-3 to T. Schutler.
148: Randy Sprenger was pinned by Garrison, 3:33.
157: Dan Martin won 21-4 over Handris.
168: Chuck Kearney pinned Ivie, 1:20.
178: Cal McKinnis pinned Foulke, 1:57.
191: Randy Carmony pinned Taylor, 3:50.
HWT: Tim Systma won by forfeit.

SUHS 2nd varsity 88, West Linn 6
Dec. 17

106: Mel Gedde won by forfeit.
115: Willie Schlaht won by forfeit.
123: Jeff Smith won 11-5 over Greg Wheel.
130: Dentry Frey won by forfeit.
136: Mike Sheppard pinned Matt Mandris, 3:50.
141: Paul Gagner pinned Rudie Ellgas, 3:02.
148: Dan King pinned Chip Cook, 3:55.
157: Bob Weyer pinned Jeff Nelson, 4:45.
168: Loren Bateman pinned Bart Spencer, 3:30.
178: Frank McKinnis won by forfeit.
191: Scott Skipper won by forfeit.
HWT: Roland Aumuller won by forfeit.

Roosevelt Tournament
Dec. 11

Junior varsity match scores: Sandy 78, Roosevelt 0; Sandy 63, Franklin 12; Sandy 47, Aloha 13. Junior varsity individual results

Versus Aloha
98: Brad Emerson won by forfeit.
106: Mel Gedde won by forfeit.
115: David Kenison won by forfeit.
123: Jeff Smith won by forfeit.
130: Dave Gibson won by forfeit.
136: Mike Sheppard pinned Lloyd Nash, 1:13.

148: Randy Sprenger and Dennis Buckman tied, 2-2.
157: Bob Weyer won 10-6 over Bob Kite.
168: Loren Bateman won 6-0 over Ron Martin.

178: Frank McKinnis won by forfeit.
191: Scott Skipper pinned Todd Knoder, :56.
HWT: Roland Aumuller lost 7-4 to Carl McCallaster.

Versus Roosevelt
98: Emerson won by forfeit.
106: Gedde won by forfeit.
115: Swanson pinned Carl Burr, 1:10.

CELEBRATE WITH Red Lion!

New Year's Eve at Bowman's



Prime Rib Dinner Party Dec. 31st

(Dinner served 8-10 p.m.)

Bottle of Champagne per couple.
Hot, Wassermakers, Confront, Gratitude
\$19.95 per person.

Reservations required! Call now

Special New Year's Day Brunch!

8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Adults \$6.95 Children \$4.95



From Portland toll-free 224-7158

(503) 622-3101. Ext. 1757. Off Hwy. 26 on Welches Road, Welches, Oregon



Merry Christmas

Santa will be in front of Carlson Chevrolet this Thursday (weather permitting)—or he'll be in the showroom at Carlson Chevrolet all day Thursday.

Santa will have candy canes & a big "Ho-ho-ho" for all the kiddies. May the true meaning of Christmas reach everyone's heart....

**PETE
CARLSON**

668-4101

SANDY

Open Sunday
& Evenings