

Wrestlers edged by Oregon City, 27-24

Ron Calhoun was both pleased and displeased with the Sandy wrestlers' three-point loss to Oregon City.

"Oregon City is, to my way of thinking, the second-best dual meet team in the state," Calhoun said.

"I think by the finish in their own tournament that was proven.

"I'm pleased that we came that close, but I'm sort of displeased because we had a couple of matches that we were in and didn't get."

The wrestlers, after losing to Oregon City in a make-up match in the afternoon, took on Estacada Thursday night.

The Pioneers won the dual, but Estacada dominated the lower weights.

"Just about everyone's going to score 20 points on us," Calhoun said about the 41-20 win.

He has contended all season that they are not a good dual-meet team.

Larry Topliff, a 109 pounder, joined the team following a layoff because of a knee injury. He won both matches by falls.

Calhoun said that it's good to have him back, and added, "He's so happy to be back. I think his mental attitude

has overcome any physical damage that was done in terms of conditioning."

Dan Martin, Sandy's 160 pounder, won a key match over Mike McCarty of Oregon City.

Martin and McCarty drew 4-4 as sophomores, and Martin beat him by a point in the district meet last year.

Martin won 3-2 last week.

"I think Dan had the match completely under control, even though the score was close," Calhoun said.

Heavyweight Tim Sytsma, undefeated going into the Oregon City match, tied 4-4 with Oregon City's undefeated heavyweight.

"I felt Tim did everything but beat him. The score came out 4-4, but Tim has so many almosts."

Calhoun felt that the small mat at Oregon City had some effect.

"I guess they were kind of used to that, and we weren't, or something."

"A lot of the things that happened, happened out of bounds. They were on the edge, borderline calls, and we didn't seem to get any calls our way."

Calhoun was pleased with Randy Carmony, a 194 pounder. Carmony won 7-0 against a wrestler that was

undefeated in league competition. "Randy looked exceptionally good," Calhoun said.

Against Estacada, Calhoun felt that even though 126-pound senior Bill Mathews lost, that he wrestled as well as anyone on the team.

He could place at districts wrestling like that, Calhoun said.

The wrestlers will take on Silverton tonight, with the district tournament the weekend after next.

Sandy 27, Oregon City 24

101: John Cox won 15-5 over Spahr; 109: Larry Topliff pinned Spahr; 2nd: 118: Randy Swanson fell 3-2 to Worthington; 126: Bill Mathews was pinned by Herr; 2nd: 133: Robert Paul fell 11-4 to McKinnis; 139: Mike Rohweder fell 11-9 to Dan; 144: Paul Gagner was pinned by P. Connelly; 2nd: 151: Mo Contreras was pinned by S. Connelly; 2nd: 160: Dan Martin won 3-2 over McCarty; 171: Chuck Kearney won 17-2 over Ausmeir; 181: Cal McKinnis won 5-4 over Sabassian; 194: Randy Carmony won 7-0 over Priest; HWT: Tim Sytsma tied, 4-4, with Burns.

Sandy 41, Estacada 20

101: Cox fell 7-2 to Fisher; 109: Topliff pinned Lantz; 2nd: 254; 118: Swanson fell 2-0 to Aylett; 126: Mathews fell 6-4 to Aylett; 133: Paul tied, 2-2, with Taylor; 141: Rohweder won 20-15 over Adamson; 144: Gagner fell 10-0 to Henston; 151: Contreras fell 14-1 to Lockie; 160: Martin won by

forfeit; 171: Kearney pinned Price; 1st: 1-54-181; McKinnis pinned Kay; 2nd: 3-30; 194: Carmony pinned Roper; 3rd: 3-35; HWT: Sytsma pinned Potter; 1st: 1-57.

2nd varsity 32, O.C. 25

101: Brad Emerson won 15-2 over Foreman; 109: Mel Gedde won by forfeit; 118: Jeff Smith won 4-3 over Banks; 126: Hui Choi won 18-16 over

Dornbusch; 133: Destrly Frey pinned McKnight; 2nd: 3-39; 139: Mike Sheppard pinned Shockley; 1st: 1-38; 144: Scott Seater fell 5-4 to Top; 151: Dan King fell 9-5 to Reed; 160: Bob Weyer fell McCarty; 9-8; 171: Loren Bateman won 9-4 over Erwert; 181: Bob Wantowski pinned Priest; 1st: 194; Frank McKinnis pinned Galusha; 1st: HWT: Roland Aumuller fell 7-0 to Smith

2nd varsity 55, Estacada 7

101: Emerson won 11-0 over Hammond; 109: Gedde won 8-6 over Meiser; 118: Smith pinned Tully; 2nd: 3-25; 126: Choi tied, 2-2, with Pinkerton; 133: Frey won 11-2 over Chianello; 139: Sheppard pinned Stahlnecker; 1st: 48; 144: Seater tied, 6-6, with Peel; 151: King fell 11-10 to Keeth; 160: Weyer fell 13-2 to Cain; 171: Bateman pinned Ellis; 2nd: 3-20; 181: Wantowski pinned Cooper; 1st: 1-25; 194: McKinnis pinned Smith; 2nd: 2-53; HWT: Aumuller pinned Adams; 1st: 1-45.



Cal McKinnis works for a fall a match against an Estacada opponent last week.

Photo by Scott Newton

Have won 4 of last 5

Pioneer girls are on a roll

The Sandy girls have won four of their last five games, with a win over Sweet Home Monday helping them keep playoff hopes alive.

"We played one of our best games against Sweet Home," said Coach John Smith, pointing out it was "a very important win."

The victory helped break a three-way tie for fourth in the Timber Valley League, giving the Pioneers sole possession.

Two teams from the TVL will receive berths to the state meet.

State-ranked Oregon City pretty much has first place wrapped up. The top team automatically goes to the state tournament.

The second-, third- and fourth-place teams play it off. But, had Sandy lost twice to Sweet Home, that would have eliminated them.

Smith said that both teams played well, with the Pioneers taking advantage of good defensive rebounding and "crisp" outlet passes.

Against Estacada, a 54-38 win last Thursday, Smith said they were at times inconsistent, a problem he's said they've had all season.

Against Sweet Home, "We played well from front to end."

Dawn New was a key factor, scoring 25 points and grabbing 20 rebounds.

Cindy McCoy grabbed 14 rebounds. All together they had 44 boards, eight above the average.

Ami Ashcoff nabbed five rebounds. Sharon Jensen hit six of nine for 12 points, and Linda Mosbrucker had six points and three assists, but it was on defense that Smith felt they did the job. He said they moved well and forced a lot of outside shots.

Smith said that Peggy Gillies, Becky Rodrigues and Kellie Garlock played well in substitute roles.

"It was a good team win," he said.

About the game last week, Smith said, "You could tell Estacada was there to play."

The Rangers got off to a 9-3 start, but Sandy had gained a 28-23 lead by halftime.

Smith said that there were three key factors in that game. There was good defense, led by Jensen with five steals (she now has a total of 66 for the season), good rebounding ("Cindy and Dawn did an exceptional job there") and balanced scoring.

New scored 19, while Mosbrucker contributed 17 and McCoy, 10.

Mosbrucker was seven of 11 second half, and Smith said it helps a lot when she has a good game as it draws the defense out.

The girls will host Oregon City tonight, Silverton Tuesday and then

will play a final league game at Canby.

The Silverton game will be an especially important one, Smith pointed out.

About Oregon City, Smith said, "They're ranked 10th, and I kind of think they're better than that."

"They've improved vastly since preseason. The thing that's holding them back in the rankings is that they lost three of six preseason games. All three losses were to ranked teams."

Timber Valley League standings: Oregon City, 11-0; West Linn, 9-2; Silverton, 7-4; Sandy, 6-5; Molalla, 5-6; Sweet Home, 4-7; Estacada, 1-10; Canby, 1-10.

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| SUSHS | 12 | 25 | 36 | 53 |
| Sweet Home | 10 | 23 | 31 | 46 |

For Sandy: Dawn New: 11-3-1-25; Cindy McCoy: 4-1-5-9; Ami Ashcoff: 0-1-4-1; Sharon Jensen: 5-0-4-12; Linda Mosbrucker: 1-4-1-6.

For Sweet Home: Lynn: 4-2-4-10; Ormsby: 2-1-3-5; Basham: 2-0-0-4; Rappin: 6-6-3-18; Flanagan: 2-2-4-6; Birman: 1-1-1-3.

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| SUSHS | 12 | 28 | 39 | 54 |
| Estacada | 12 | 23 | 29 | 38 |

For Sandy: Dawn New: 6-7-3-19; Cindy McCoy: 3-4-5-10; Ami Ashcoff: 1-0-3-2; Sharon Jensen: 3-0-2-6; Linda Mosbrucker: 7-3-0-17; Kellie Garlock: 1-0-2-2; Shelly Petrie: 0-0-1-0.

For Estacada: Bagley: 6-2-1-14; Roberts: 2-0-1-4; Fry: 0-1-5-1; Moore: 1-0-1-2; Stiles: 2-6-4-10; Barstad: 0-0-4-0; Staubs: 1-0-4-2; Rick: 1-2-2-4.

Pioneer boys back on the road again

by SCOTT NEWTON

Although the Pioneer boys had no trouble disposing of Estacada Tuesday night, the team didn't look as sharp as Coach Dan Brisbin would have liked.

"I don't feel we played as well as we could have," he said Wednesday morning.

The Pioneers, tied at second in the Timber Valley League with Canby (who lost 63-52 to Oregon City Tuesday) and West Linn, have "important games" coming up with Sweet Home and Oregon City.

"As much as you tell 'em not to, I think they were looking forward a little bit," Brisbin said.

Senior Bob Nippert, however, turned in a steady game, scoring 12 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Brisbin was also pleased with sophomore Robert Brader, who went in off the bench and scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds.

"He's coming on," Brisbin said. "Every game he gets better."

The second quarter was a good one for the Pioneers as they outscored the visiting Rangers 16-3.

The Pioneers fell 59-53 to West Linn Friday, but not before giving the home crowd a few moments of hope.

The game was close at times, with Sandy having to play catch-up occasionally. Mitch Paola, and then Steve Palmer and Nippert, came through at the appropriate times, keeping Sandy in the game.

Shots by Palmer and Nippert got Sandy within four, at 53-49, after having been down by nine.

A layup by sophomore Troy Wolf with 1:10 left in the game put the Pioneers within two. Nippert then knocked away a West Linn pass, and the crowd got riled up as Sandy took possession.

But a bad pass put the Pioneers in the position of having to foul, and if West Linn did anything right, it was hit free throws.

They were 12 of 17 in the fourth quarter.

In the final minute they hit six of six.

Sandy outrebounded the Lions 24-23, and made four shots more from the field, but West Linn converted on 19 of 29 trips to the line, while Sandy made five of 10.

Both teams shot over 50 percent from the field, with Nippert hitting six of 10, Paola seven of nine and Palmer seven of 13.

Brisbin said that they played okay offensively, but added, "Our defense was a half-step slow all night."

Brisbin is also looking to get the running game tuned up again. We haven't been forcing the ball up court, he said.

He said the key against Sweet Home will be stopping Alan Vasey, and shooting better than they have been.

He said that Sweet Home has been in somewhat of a slump lately, but seem to play better at home.

In league play the Pioneers are 4-0 on the road, but 3-3 at home. "I can't figure that one out," Brisbin said.

But with the next two games on the road, he's hoping it's a good omen.

TVL standings: Oregon City, 9-1; Sandy, 7-3; Canby, 7-3; West Linn, 7-3; Sweet Home, 5-5; Molalla, 3-7; Silverton, 1-9; Estacada, 1-9.

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| SUSHS | 19 | 26 | 45 | 60 |
| Estacada | 19 | 13 | 29 | 47 |

For Sandy: Steve Palmer: 2-2-2-6; Mike Lund: 0-1-2-3; Randy Martin: 1-1-3-1; Troy Wolf: 4-4-2-12; Mitch Paola: 4-1-2-9; Mike Marleau: 0-2-1-2; Steve Pettingill: 2-0-3-4; Bob Nippert: 5-2-3-12; Steve Brader: 1-1-2-3; Robert Brader: 3-2-3-4; Totals: 22-16-23-60.

For Estacada: Slusher: 0-0-2-0; Bardin: 1-0-0-2; Stephens: 1-0-0-2; Scheffer: 3-0-3-6; Hasty: 0-0-3-0; Hunter: 6-7-2-19; Blankenship: 2-4-4-8; Rich: 3-1-1-7; Perkins: 1-0-1-2; Grey: 0-1-0-1; Totals: 17-13-18-47.

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| SUSHS | 12 | 25 | 35 | 53 |
| West Linn | 12 | 28 | 41 | 59 |

For Sandy: Steve Palmer: 7-2-2-16; Randy Martin: 1-0-1-2; Troy Wolf: 2-0-5-4; Mitch Paola: 7-1-5-15; Robert Brader: 0-0-1-0; Steve Pettingill: 1-0-3-2; Bob Nippert: 6-1-3-13; Steve Brader: 0-1-1-1; Totals: 24-5-21-53.

For West Linn: Washington: 2-1-2-3; Hastings: 1-2-4-4; Howard: 4-2-0-10; Hodges: 2-8-0-12; Tressler: 3-4-4-10; Muddler: 0-1-2-1; Glanville: 8-1-0-17; Totals: 20-19-12-59.



Bob Nippert puts up a shot during the Pioneers' loss to West Linn.

Staff photo

Senior season going well for Dawn New, Cindy McCoy

by SCOTT NEWTON

Dawn New knows about the early years of Sandy Union High School girls basketball.

As a starter by the end of her freshman year, she goes back almost to the beginning of when the program began here.

Last year, when Lynn Harris's freshman team had a winning season, it was the first time in four seasons for all three teams (freshman, junior varsity and varsity).

This year, all three teams could have winning records.

As for the varsity, the girls have won four of their last five games, keeping the hopes of a playoff berth alive.

It's not a cinch, by any means. They have three games left, including state-ranked Oregon City, and Silverton, the TVL's third-place team. They'll play both games here, hosting the Pioneers tonight and the Foxes Tuesday.

Currently the girls are in fourth place in the TVL, and at the end of the regular season the second-, third- and fourth-place teams play for the second TVL state berth.

Qualifying would be a fitting finale for New. The 6-foot Sandy senior has a chance at earning first team honors in three sports this year. A first team all-TVL volleyball player, New was second team all-league in basketball last year and has received second team honors for the past two years in softball as a first baseman.

She's broken the school scoring record about a half dozen times the last two years, with 32 points being her top tally.

She's the fourth-leading scorer in the TVL with a 19-point-per-game average.

Besides hitting over 50 percent from the field, New is probably the league leader in blocked shots, with 107 in 17 games.

Second-year head coach John Smith once said that trying to score against New is like working a drill with a Toss-back (net).

Another veteran in the Sandy program in Cindy McCoy. The 5-10 senior has had to work her way through the ranks, finally earning a starting position midway through the season last year.

Rebounding is her forte, and she's grabbed 177 so far.

She's starting to score in double figures, and has contributed 29 assists, 28 steals and 30 blocked shots so far this season.

"They played a lot together last summer, and the year before, and this year it's starting to pay off," Smith said about the girls, who are the foundation of his double-post offense.

He said that they look for each other, and have developed a court sense.

"When they're moving, when they're playing well together, they're tough to stop," Smith said.

Knowing New's propensity for scoring, teams will often try to double team, or run a box-one defense, against her.

"They haven't been real effective with that because Cindy's been able to pick up a lot of the slack," Smith said. "She's been scoring for us lately."

He said that McCoy's game at Estacada was at its best.

"She was very aggressive with the ball and had tremendous anticipation on the boards. If she can keep up that intensity, and play the rest of the season like that, she's got a real good chance of getting some all-league honors," Smith said.

Monday night McCoy scored nine points and grabbed 14 rebounds, while New took 20 off the boards and scored 25.

About the team's recent success, Smith said, "We've had some tough practices. They've worked hard and I think it's paying off for them."

He attributes those good workouts, in part, to the attitudes of New and McCoy.

Asked how her season is going, New said, "I think I could be doing better, a lot better."

"But, I've accomplished something I hadn't accomplished before, and that's a better attitude."

Although New has an interest in art and calligraphy, she admits she wants to be a college jock. All that's left is to decide which school and which sport.

McCoy is interested in horticulture, and wants to play college basketball.

"About the team, McCoy said, "I think we're improving. I think right now we're working really well as a team."

"We're getting a lot closer and our communication is better."

Other seniors out include Shelly Petrie, a first-year player with a lot of enthusiasm, according to Smith.

"She's been a very, very important part of the team this year," he said.

Another senior is Becky Rodrigues, a guard.

Smith said, "It's been tough on her at times. She probably doesn't get the playing time she would like."

"But her attitude has been good and she's worked hard."



Cindy McCoy



Dawn New