

## State tournaments a tradition for Aubins

by SCOTT NEWTON

It's hectic, and it takes up a lot of time, but Miles and Eleanor Aubin enjoy it.

Going to state basketball tournaments is getting to be a tradition with them. Miles, who has been running the clock at Sandy Union High School games since 1973, worked 22 of the 26 games at the AAA state tournament this year, which is probably the most he's done.

He was working Benson High School and Portland Community College games when the state tournament was moved from Eugene to Portland in 1966.

Aubin had been working with Roger Mockford, PCC athletic director, timing PIL games, when Mockford was asked to round up a crew for the state tournament in 1966.

"I happened to be in the right place at the right time so I got the job," Aubin said.

For awhile Aubin also worked Portland State games, and so was going to Benson, PCC and PSU games, as well as the state tournament.

When Aubin retired in 1970 as a biology teacher at Benson, he and his wife moved to rural Sandy, and so he gave up timing some of the events as the drive to Portland got to be too much.

But of course the state tournament is a premier event, and Aubin kept working it.

In 1974 a new clock was purchased at Memorial Coliseum, and so for several years the coliseum provided the crew.

In 1979 Aubin again got the chance to work at the state tournament, and has done so for the last four years.

According to Aubin there is one trick to running the clock: "Keep your eye on the officials at all times."

Also, he said, it's a good idea to remember and turn the horn on.

There's only one time he was really put on that spot, and fortunately, he handled the situation well.

In 1970, in the championship round, two of the favored teams, Jesuit and Central Catholic, were playing.

"Jesuit was two points ahead, and it was a jump ball on the Jesuit end of the floor," Aubin recalled.

"Well, they tipped it ahead and a Central Catholic boy got it, took two dribbles and cast off, and the ball went through.

"The referee waved it off, but the coach, Cliff Shelton, rushed over to the clock and wanted to know what I would call it.

"I had sense enough to say, 'Well, it's all over.'"

"Then one of the writers from

one of the papers came down and charged the clock, and wanted to know what I called it.

"I gave him the same answer. Well, he got kind of perturbed, (like) I should have enough intestinal fortitude to tell him what I thought it was."

Of course, Aubin was right by pointing out that it's the referee's decision as to whether there was time on the clock when the Central Catholic player put up the shot.

"Well, also, they had trouble with some of the Central Catholic people," Aubin said. They "charged out on the floor, and I think there might have been some fists swung, too."

Aubin said that he runs into Cliff Shelton occasionally, and that they're friends. "Every once in a while we'll talk about it," Aubin said of the incident.

In talking about tournament people, Bill Mulstur of the Catholic Sentinel wrote on March 27, 1970, "Aubin comes in for praise, too. He kept his cool despite pressure from coaches, fans and press. His decision in this dispute could only be known if the referee asked for help."

Asked if he thinks, 12 years later, that the referee made the right decision, Aubin said, "I forgot about it from then on."

Although Aubin started timing games in 1957, he doesn't feel he

really learned to do it right until he started working the state tournament.

In explaining that, he said, "I suppose that when you work high school games, oftentimes, there isn't the crowd, and you can hear the whistle at all times. Maybe there isn't so much importance attached to each game.

"And, the games are generally not as close. At a state tournament every quarter there's a little crisis right at the end because they all run down the clock."

And in the closing seconds of a close game "you're always in a precarious position."

Aubin said that he thinks he becomes more relaxed, and thus does a better job, as the tournament goes on.

"I always pray for no overtime," Eleanor Aubin adds.

One of the most embarrassing things that can happen, Miles said, is to have to put time back up on the clock. Sometimes this happens when a referee is "covered up" by one of the big men.

Aubin, a 1933 SUHS graduate who grew up in the Boring area, played baseball at the Oregon Normal School, now Western Oregon State College, and has "practically watched OSU teams grow up" at state tournaments, as Eleanor puts it.

But refereeing football games

has probably been the most enjoyable experience he's had in athletics.

Unlike basketball and baseball, the calls are closer to being clear-cut, he said.

"You know, half the people think you're wrong in basketball," he points out.

He said he enjoyed watching the Pioneers this year, and expects them to improve as they have some young players.

He adds, however, "I'm not a

very good judge of basketball talent. Every time I say something about basketball one of the experts will contradict me, so evidently I don't know much about it."

He feels that perhaps too much emphasis is being placed on winning, with some parents now moving just to get their son or daughter into a winning program.

"It's nice to win," he said, but added that people should support their local teams regardless of the kind of a season they're having.



Miles and Eleanor Aubin

## Pioneers tie Barlow, 8-8, in topsy-turvy baseball game

The Pioneers had a chance, but couldn't quite pull off a win over Barlow in a topsy-turvy game played here Monday.

The game ended in an 8-8 tie, giving the Pioneers an 0-3-1 record.

Barlow was ahead 8-6 going into the bottom of the sixth. Mo Contreras started the inning off right, hitting a single and then stealing second.

Stu Hoffman singled, driving in Contreras, and that's when Barlow's players "went crazy," as Coach Curtis Heath put it.

First they threw to third, trying to put out Contreras. The third baseman then overthrew the second baseman, and the ball went on through the fielder's legs, allowing Hoffman to score.

Hoffman's run tied the game at 8-8. The first out for Sandy came when Keith Powell struck out.

Dave Kirkland got on because of an error by the shortstop.

The second out came when Randy Martin struck out.

While Martin was at the plate, Kirkland stole second. Jerry Bennett singled, and as

Kirkland was rounding third he missed the bag, went back, hesitated a moment and then was thrown out at home.

The seventh inning wasn't played due to darkness.

Heath said that the game was "kind of a fiasco."

That was the closest the Pioneers have come to beating Barlow since

several times when they've had people down but didn't put them away.

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## Kearney makes triple crown sweep

SUHS junior Chuck Kearney joined an elite group earlier this week.

The AAA state champion won the Oregon Cultural Exchange's state freestyle championship Monday. Tuesday he won the state Greco-Roman title.

He is one of only six high school juniors to have ever won the triple crown in Oregon.

As if all that weren't enough, Kearney found out Tuesday that he's been selected to participate in an AAU exchange to Germany.

The Oregon team will be flown to a training camp somewhere in the United States early this summer, and then will fly to Germany where they'll stay in homes and compete against clubs and high schools.

Kearney competed in the 165-pound division.

Dan Martin, SUHS senior, finished fourth in freestyle in the 154-pound weight division.

The freestyle championships were held Sunday and Monday at Redmond. The Greco-Roman tournament, also at Redmond, was held Tuesday. It had the largest field of any wrestling tournament in the state (including the AAA state meet) this year with 547 participants.

Sophomore Frank McKinnis took second in the 178-pound division in the freestyle developmental tournament.

Junior Bob Wantowski pinned two opponents in Greco-Roman in the 165-pound weight division, but didn't advance to the finals. Sixty-five competed at that weight.

SUHS sophomore Dan King finished fourth in the freestyle

developmental tournament.

Scott Kearney, 13, finished fifth in the freestyle developmental tournament.

Freestyle differs from collegiate (high school style) in that the wrestlers spend more time on their feet going for takedowns. Greco-

**In league opener**

## Canby girls edge Sandy netters, 4-3

If Jeannie Rossos could play it again, she'd use the same strategy she used Tuesday.

She put her best players in doubles but lost her first league meet as a head tennis coach, 4-3.

The second, third and fourth doubles teams won against Canby, but the number one team, comprised of seniors Becky Rodrigues and Alice Schoppert, fell 3-6, 6-7, losing the tie-breaker on the second set.

Rossos said that Rodrigues and Schoppert played well against tough competition Monday, when the Pioneers hosted Gresham.

"If they'd have played like they did yesterday they would have done real well," Rossos said Tuesday.

The Pioneers fell 6-1 to Gresham, with the number three doubles team, comprised of junior Elizabeth Heckel and senior Denise Shokey, winning 6-0, 7-5.

Gresham has one of the best teams they'll play all season, according to Rossos. She said that the entire Wilco League is strong as they have tennis clubs to draw from.

Still, she felt overall that the Sandy players performed well, and added that it was a good learning experience.

The number two doubles team, comprised of seniors Patsy Wesselink and Tracy Toole, lost two close sets Monday (4-6, 5-7).

Tuesday Wesselink and Toole teamed up again, downing Canby 6-0, 6-1. "They were fantastic," Rossos said.

They worked together as a team Tuesday, she said.

Shokey and Heckel won 4-6, 6-3 and 6-4, playing improved tennis the last two sets, according to Rossos.

The number four doubles team, comprised of sophomores Shirley Boitano and Linda Hilliard, won 7-6, 5-7 and 7-6, "which is about as close as you can get."

Rossos said that she feels good about the play of both the third and fourth doubles teams. She said they learned what they need to work on.

While the Sandy singles players

are at the bottom of the ladder, Canby's singles players are all seniors.

"That was rough going," Rossos said.

All three singles players lost. Sophomore Becky Clift was the number one singles player, junior Mindy Congdon was number two, and junior Heidi Lamer was number three.

"For being out of position like that they did real well," Rossos said.

The Pioneer girls, coached by Debbie Hunter, were 8-8 overall last year, 6-8 in league.

Seven of the team's top 11 were lost to graduation, which includes Tami Shafer, who qualified for the state meet.

Rossos played tennis for Gresham

High School, Mt. Hood Community College and Oregon State University, and coaching tennis seems to run in the family, she said.

She thinks that West Linn, Sweet Home and Oregon City will be the toughest teams in the TVL.

One thing that pleases her is that she has out a lot of freshmen who show potential.

Twenty-four are out for tennis, which is about all they have the facilities to handle.

"I feel really good about the kids I have. They all work hard," Rossos said.

The junior varsity won 3-1, and were ahead in two matches that were called because of darkness.

Sophomore Lori Armstrong, the

number one singles player, won 6-3.

The second singles player, junior Sandy Geissler, won 8-2.

Senior Susan Clift, the number three singles player, lost 3-6.

The number one doubles team, comprised of freshmen Kendra Rowland and Angie Conibeare, won 8-6.

The second doubles team, comprised of junior Christine Pettingill and freshman Charrise Flatt, was ahead 4-3 when the set was called.

The number three doubles team, comprised of freshmen Carla Heckel and Valerie Master, was ahead 1-0 when the match was called.

Kathy Thomas is the junior varsity coach.

## SUHS tennis team falls 4-3 to Canby boys in TVL opener

The Sandy boys tennis team lost its TVL opener 4-3 Tuesday at Canby.

Coach Terry Chung felt they played well overall, showing improvement from their first match Monday against Gresham, a 7-0 loss.

He said that at this point they have only three players "who actually understand the game of tennis well and can play it competitively."

We have to spend more time on the courts, he said.

Number one singles player Pete Kallen, a junior, lost 6-2, 1-6 and 1-4.

Kallen is having to make the adjustment from being the number three to the number one player, which is a big jump, Chung said.

Number two singles player Joe Rowland won 7-5, 6-1.

A first-year senior, Rowland is a good competitor, Chung said. "He's still learning to play and win at the game of tennis."

Likewise, number three singles

player Steve Palmer has some learning to do. Chung said he is a good athlete. The first-year senior won 6-2, 2-6 and 6-2.

"I think that both Joe and Steve will develop into good singles tennis players," Chung said.

The number one doubles team, comprised of seniors Pat Spriggle and Scott Bender, lost 4-6, 2-6.

Chung said that they are probably the best players in the program. He felt they played well, and added that this was the first time they'd played together this season. They've been working on their singles game.

The number two doubles team, comprised of juniors Brian Buhler and Randy Swanson, lost 7-6, 1-6 and 0-6.

"I thought Randy played very well," Chung said. He added that they played against two tall players who dominated at the net.

Sophomores Eric Jones and Eric Frost, the number three doubles

team, won 7-6, 6-1.

"They're putting a lot of effort into the matches but they still need a lot of work," Chung said.

Sophomores Tim Elliot and Ron Fehringer, the number four doubles team, fell 1-6, 0-6.

"Tim has a lot of potential and played well last night," Chung said.

"I think the major reason they lost last night is a lack of playing experience as this is their first year out," he said Wednesday morning.

Chung said that they hope to finish in the middle of the pack this season. He expects Molalla, Estacada, Oregon City and Sweet Home to have the best teams.

Realistically, he said, we have too many young players to be a contender.

The Pioneers were 1-15 last year, and lost five players out of the top 11. Chung is in his fourth season at Sandy.

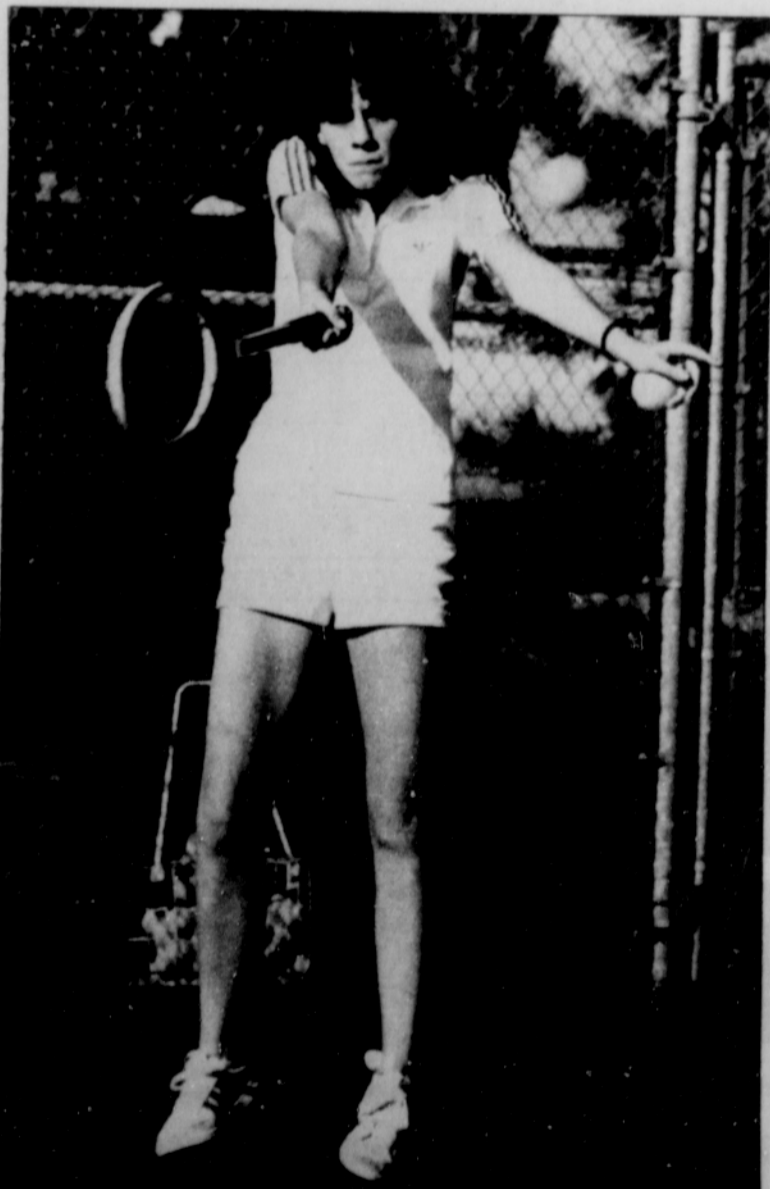


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Becky Clift returns a shot during a match with a Gresham opponent.