

EASTBURN *from B1*

ketball but it's really the hardest thing to teach because I do it on defensive principles so I teach them all my principles so we can play whatever defense we want to – man, zone, press, whatever – but to do the other thing on offense you have to have skills. If you don't have the skills, it doesn't matter what offense you're running, what shots you're taking. Because if you can't dribble the ball to the basket, if you can't shoot the ball, if you can't pass the ball, what's the point? So I'm big on fundamental skills and we will be doing a ton of those.

CGS: What was the experience like last year at Crow?

SE: Last year. So that was the first time I've ever coached at the 2A level – completely different. So you talk about fundamentals, it was just all fundamentals there. And experiences were just completely different. Boy, we thought we travelled, down to Medford and stuff, but 2A you travel. We go Lost River, we go Butte Falls. They're just out there in the middle of nowhere. It was a fun experience.

And the thing was, we would get on a bus for a trip to Lost River or Butte Falls and we would leave at 12:30 but first we would have to drop off the el-

ementary students from school on the way out because right out there on Lorraine Highway. So we had to drop all the elementary kids off, which took about an hour, and we're on the bus that hour. Then we take off on our trip because they were saving money. They don't have a lot of money out there and they don't want to hire an extra driver.

CGS: What will you focus on with this team?

SE: It will be just building on those fundamentals. It really will be. We've got a really good preseason, we've got some tough games and then we've got

some games that are manageable.

Well – I'm thinking back now, we start with North Bend. We have Banks in there and we go to Banks. But Banks and now I'm drawing a blank. We go to the Seaside tourney again and going to the Stayton tournament over winter break.

And then of course we jump into league and Marshfield is in the league who is state champion from last year and they return everybody. They will be really tough. Saw them this summer, they will be really tough. And of course Marist, who will be tough. They're al-

ways tough. And then the rest of the league is kind of manageable. Junction City lost everybody. Elmira, Siuslaw I hear has really dropped in athletics. And I go back to the 70s with those guys when I was in school. That's how I remember them, they were such powers in football and everything.

CGS: What does success look like with this group?

SE: Well, I was just telling the kids, we want to get better everyday. If we get better everyday and do the things we're supposed to do on the court, everything will take care of itself. Wins and losses really do take care of themselves. I mean, if you have the players and the players are putting in work, wins and losses take care of themselves. You'll win the games that you should win and you'll win some games that you probably shouldn't win against better teams. And then losses will come if you, you know, neglect that work. They always take care of themselves. Kids are out there on the floor, they're the ones playing, they have ownership in it.

I'm really excited to be able to coach these kids. Going to their volleyball games and soccer games this fall and getting to know people a little bit better but the kids are super.



Steve Eastburn leads warmups during Cottage Grove basketball camp over the summer.

GOWING *from B1*

the 14th hole he used his eight iron to great success.

"It was a good shot. People I was playing with they seen it go in, I didn't. Where I was standing, a little mound behind the sand trap and it went over that and in the hole," he said.

And then a few weeks ago, it happened again but this time on the 17th hole. Someone he was playing with said he might have

made it on the green but Gowing said no, he had made it into the hole. And to his partner's disbelief, there it was in the hole.

"It just happens," said Gowing unsure of how to explain this run of aces.

He doesn't know if he will hit another one. Maybe tomorrow or maybe never. But that was never the goal and he remains – as he was in the '50s – happy to be playing golf in Cottage Grove.



Mel Gowing watches his shot last Thursday at the Middlefield Golf Course in Cottage Grove.

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