

3rd Annual

Washington State Girls Basketball Coaches



Hall of Fame

Theme for the Night is "Make the Big Time Where You Are"

The Washington State Girls Basketball Coaches Association (WSGBCA) is very excited to be inducting our third class into the WSGBCA Hall of Fame. As a board, we understand the recognition for many of the coaches in our first three classes has come years and even decades later than it should have. This can be seen by the fact that the coaches being recognized tonight will be the 13th, 14th and 15th members into the WSGBCA Hall of Fame. The boys' coaches are recognizing their 43rd class this year and have approximately 150 coaches in their Hall of Fame. To say that a Hall of Fame and recognizing girls' coaches has been long overdue is an understatement. We have made a conscious effort to honor past coaches in these first three classes. This year is no different. We are very excited to Honor our three coaches and our first journalist into the Washington State Girls Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. We would also like to thank all of our guests for being her tonight to honor the 2018 WSGBCA Hall of Fame inductees.



Jim Freeman



Dennis Olson

Congratulations to Washington State Girls Basketball Coaches 2018 Hall of Fame Class!!

Jim Freeman Mt. Baker

David Braddok Connell

Dennis Olson Auburn

Sandy Ringer Seattle Times

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David Braddock



Sandy Ringer

For many coaches throughout the state getting a call from Sandy Ringer was the signal that your life was about to get very busy. Yes, it was the beginning of basketball season and Sandy was calling to get input from the coaches around the state so that she could put together the pre-season basketball rankings for the Seattle Times. As coaches, appreciated always professionalism and how she worked to do much more than just report the scores. Sandy took the time to get to know players, coaches, and teams. She took the time write meaningful stories and not just reports on games.

When Sandy wrote, it changed things for girls' basketball in the State of Washington. Girls' basketball was not just making the news as a side note, it was making



Sandy Ringer receives a certificate and a plaque honoring her tireless effort to cover women's sports as a journalist, at Cleveland High School in Seattle, on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014. Presenting the award to her are City Councilmember Bruce Harrell, Tara Davis, Jamie Redd and Rhonda Smith. (Marcus Yam / The Seattle Times)

headlines and people started to take notice. The WSGBCA would like to thank Sandy for all that she has done for the sport of Girls Basketball. Since Sandy is the journalist... we feel it would be much better at this point to just let her tell her story.

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For Times' retiring Sandy Ringer, high school sports were always big time

By Sandy Ringer Seattle Times staff reporter

I wrote my first column for The Seattle Times in the summer of 1987. I was thrilled with my new gig as a high-school sports reporter in the newspaper's South Bureau, and I likened my passion for preps to a favorite phrase I learned from the late Frosty Westering, coaching legend at Pacific Lutheran: The Big Time Is Where You Are. Of course, The Times is a Big Time, Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper. So that alone was a major step in my journalism career. Still, some considered the job a launching pad to bigger and better things, because this was *just* high-school sports. For me, though, prep sports were as good as it could get. And 28 years later, as I write my final column for The Times, I feel the same way.

I retired Friday without ever covering a Seahawks game, but honestly wouldn't have traded a Gridiron Classic story for a Super Bowl assignment. I enjoy reading stories about Marshawn Lynch and Russell Wilson, but was happier writing about prep stars like Chico McClatcher and Ross Bowers. I handled a few Seattle Storm assignments in the summers, but my favorite interaction with Sue Bird dealt with her experience as a high-school player. That 2002 Title IX anniversary package included a mention of a then up-and-coming hoop star, 11-year-old Yasmin Fuller. Fuller went on to lead Kennedy Catholic of Burien to a Class 3A state title in 2009.

I was lucky enough to work under the best prep coordinator in the state, the late Jim Reding, who cared enough to ensure Seattle Times readers had my first-hand account when Jonathon Stewart of Timberline in Lacey became Washington's all-time prep career rushing leader. I wrote "Oh, that Johnny O" when John Olrerud keyed Interlake of Bellevue's victory over Kennedy Catholic in the semifinals of the 1986 big-school state baseball tournament in my hometown of Yakima. I got to watch Kate Starbird set state basketball records in a Lakes High School uniform, then followed with a sense of pride as she was crowned best female college player in the country at Stanford. And how cool was Courtney Vandersloot's rise from Kentwood to Gonzaga to the WNBA? It was inspiring to cover Courtney Thompson's volleyball career at Kentlake, then marvel as the under-sized setter broke records at Washington and, again, was crowned the queen of her craft nationally. I remember Isaiah Thomas as a Curtis sophomore and thought, yep, this kid is going to be special. Nate Robinson, Jamal Crawford, Sheila Lambert, Milena Flores — I've had a courtside seat as they offered a prelude of things to come.

Before I came to The Times, I was lucky enough to witness Joyce Walker wow fans on the court while leading Garfield to a state crown. I learned of Walker's jaw-dropping journey to Louisiana State and the Harlem Globetrotters — and her descent into drug addiction — as she emerged on the Seattle coaching scene and ultimately returned to guide her alma-mater to another state championship. Walker and I were working on her biography when she relapsed after 17 years of sobriety. Chronicling Walker's recovery was one of the most challenging stories I've ever written for The Times.

I owe thanks to copious coaches for their interviews and insights, often after emotional defeats. Most value the life lessons learned through sports far more than the X's and O's or W's and L's. We lost some of the great ones far too soon, like Terry Ennis and Jean Licari. Many of the best move on to administrative roles and remain valuable resources — like Dave Lutes, Jo Anne Daughtry and Terri McMahan, to name a few few. I consider them friends as well as colleagues.

I can count on a hug from Mike Huard when I'm in the Puyallup gym, a friendly grin from Greg Flynn at Federal Way Memorial Stadium and a wisecrack from Chris Carr at any Auburn Mountainview event. I admire the resolve, resiliency and positivity I see from Auburn's Bob Jones through his battle with cancer. When you've been in the business as long as I have, you start covering the sons and daughters (and now the grandsons and granddaughters) of some of the coaches, and even former stars. It's been a privilege to share personal, poignant life stories that still bring both smiles and tears.

Ashley Aven, a Meadowdale softball player, was defiant in her approach to the terminal diagnosis she received after learning she had leukemia. "I've got stuff to do," she said. Aven, who later died at age 18, drew admiration for her spirit — and an invitation from Jay Buhner to throw out the first pitch at a Mariners' game.

Carly Stowell was a freshman basketball (and musical) phenom at Kentlake when she suddenly died of arrhythmia. I learned from her family, teammates and coaches how she packed more life into her 14-plus years than many do over decades.

I'd heard about a good softball pitcher from Ballard by the name of Andrea Jewett, but I had no idea her mother was Kathi Goertzen, a broadcasting legend in Seattle who bravely battled brain tumors for years. It was so special, and humbling, to sit down with the family and then share their story of love, hope and strength on Mother's Day of 2012. Three months later, Goertzen died.

Name a high-school sport and I've followed it. More than 100 high schools comprise The Times' coverage area (Snohomish and King Counties, plus Bainbridge and a few other schools), and I'm sure I've written about each school over the years. A favorite sport or event? Honestly, I can't choose, but there's something about those Friday night lights. State championships are always special, particularly when a team or athlete from our coverage area is involved. Of course, I'll never forget Bellevue's epic football victory over De La

Salle in 2004 that ended a record 151-game win streak.

I've enjoyed my association with Mike Colbrese, Cindy Adsit and others with the Washington State Interscholastic Activities Association, an organization I believe has the best interests of high-school kids at heart.

I wouldn't trade the experiences I've shared with the multitude of co-workers during my tenure at The Seattle Times (and those at the Valley Daily News, where I spent six years). I was fortunate to share a lot of press boxes with Craig Smith — the legendary Sideline Smitty. I've spent the majority of my career under just two sports editors, Cathy Henkel and Don Shelton, and thank them for their guidance. There will never be another Jim Reding (Mark Akins was a close second), and knowing how much J.R. cared about high-school sports deepened my devotion to carrying the torch. Now I pass it to Solange Reyner and Josh Liebeskind, with help from a freelance network that includes a guy I helped advise as an eager college protégé, Matt Massey. I owe immense gratitude to the Blethen family and this wonderful, locally owned newspaper, especially for a continued commitment to covering prep sports when many other major publications abandoned the daunting challenge. I plan to stick around to help during this transition, so you'll see my byline and posts awhile.

My, how the job description has changed since 1987. Tweets, blogs and Instagram? Huh? Sure, I groaned and grumbled, but also grew. I couldn't have done it without the loving support of my family and friends. They have my heartfelt thanks. I lost my No. 1 fan, my mom, nearly two years ago. She read every printed word I wrote and saved boxes of clippings. I miss her every day. I know today she would be especially proud. And in many ways I am, too. It has been a ride to remember.

Big Time.

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Sandy Ringer's Awards

Writing Awards

Sandy rarely entered writing contests, but it was stressed by The Times and sometimes they entered for her. Either way, Sandy's work has been honored on numerous occasions throughout her career. Most notable were awards presented by the Northwest Society of Professional Journalists for the articles noted below.

- Kathi Goertzen: a mother's strength, two daughters' inspiration. May 14, 2012. Second Place, 2013.
- Joyce Walker takes hard road back from drug and alcohol addictions. February 21, 2008. First Place, 2009. Also named Top Ten nationally by Associated Press Sports Editors.
- Title IX turns 30. June 18, 2001. First Place, 2003

Honors

- Washington State Football Coaches Association Silver Helmet Award. Presented in 1991 for outstanding coverage of high school football and related youth activities.
- Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Media Award. Presented in 2003 for outstanding coverage of high school wrestling including a memorable feature on the WIAA's Fifty Years of Wrestling Celebration.
- Washington State Baseball Coaches Association "Jim Reding Media Commitment Award". Presented in 2010 for outstanding coverage of prep baseball.
- Sandy Ringer Day. Proclamation made by Seattle City Council on February 7, 2014 and presented at an appreciation ceremony held at Cleveland High School.

David Braddock

David Braddock was raised in Kahlotus Washington. His father, Robert Braddock was his principal, coach, and the school's bus driver and was a positive influence in his life. Robert Braddock was so important to the community that they named their new gymnasium after him.

David graduated high school from KHS in 1952 as an outstanding student and athlete. David was passionate about competing, playing football, basketball, and baseball lettering in all three sports. The students at David's high school, only 30 students in grades 9 through 12, were always considered the "under dog". To this day he feels especially proud to have been a part of an undersized, hard-working, tenacious basketball team who beat much larger schools to win their sub-district and district championships, and an 8th place finish at state. At that time there were only 2

classifications in Washington State, Class A and Class B!

The following is from Dan Colby who wrote these things in his nomination form for Coach Braddock:

"Dave Braddock made Girls Basketball into a Big Deal at Connell High School. He created a dominant program. He had 12 State appearances in his 17 years as Head Coach at Connell. 10 of those appearances were in a row. 10 of his 13 State Teams placed including 2 second place finishes. His State Record was 29-16. He had well over 200 wins."

"Dave Braddock was a trailblazer in the early years of Girls Basketball. His teams had a unique style of play for the era. They pressed and played an aggressive fast paced style. Dave believed in playing up to 10 players to wear down opponents. He was always able to get the best out his players. Dave began coaching in an era when it was hard to get equal practice time and equipment for developing girls' sports programs. But as time passed he was able to help Girls Basketball at CHS slowly move toward being equal to its male counterparts."



Coach Braddock 1974-1975

David attended Eastern Washington College, was a member of ROTC, and graduated with a degree in Physical Education in 1956. He spent the next four years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; first at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he went through Infantry Officer's School, Parachute School, and Ranger School. He was stationed next at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

After resigning his commission in 1960, he began his teaching and coaching career. David took his first job at Tekoa, Washington where he taught PE and was the head football and assistant boys' basketball coach. He and his family then moved to Hunters, Washington where David coached "everything!" from 1961-64. He was the football

coach, varsity and junior varsity basketball coach, girls' basketball coach, girls' track coach, and the baseball coach. On more than one occasion it was up to David to coach three teams in one night; boys' jv basketball, girls' basketball, and boys' varsity basketball. Hunters was a very small town with few resources. David stepped in where he was needed so the students could have the best possible experience in high school. His time at Hunters was special and helped shape his coaching philosophy and style. It was here that he cemented a belief system that you need to make the best of your situation. What at first seems like a disadvantage can be transformed into something very special.

The last post in David's career was at Connell High School in the North Franklin School District. From 1964 through 1991 David taught physical education, and math while coaching. In his first year at Connell he was the assistant football coach, jv boys' basketball coach, and head track coach. Through the years he also coached



Coach Braddock 1977-1978

wrestling and girls' basketball. In 2003 David was inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Hall of Fame as one of the most successful football coaches in the A-league.

In 1974, less than 2 years after Title IX, David began a long stretch coaching girls' basketball. At a time when many did not take girls sports seriously, David demanded hard work and discipline from his players.



Coach Braddock 1983 - 1984

He expected that his girls could perform as well as boys on the court and the players thrived in his confidence. He coached a fast-paced game. He believed in practicing fundamentals as well as team drills. His approach was defensively minded as

exemplified by the tenacious full court press played by all his teams. He wouldn't play any zone defense until his team showed they could play man-to-man defense well.

"Mr. B" is respected by many because he held all players to the same standards both on and off the court. His players knew if they broke the rules there would be consequences, if it was during the season or playoffs. They also knew a second chance would always be offered afterward.

In the first four seasons of girls' basketball in Connell, the regional paper never reported girls' basketball results, not even when Braddock's team placed at state for the first time in 1976 with a 4th place finish or in 1979 when they played in the championship game, placing 2nd. By the 1979-80 season newspapers were finally covering girls' basketball. In the years before that, David was quietly building a program equal to that of a boys' program. He fought to get equal gym time and equipment. To get enough practice time he drove the girls in an ancient school bus to an old gym across town. That court was so small that the circle at the top of the key

Some facts about Dave's career:

- From 1979 to 1983 regular season record was 72 and 3. Placed at State all for of these years. 8th, two 4th places and one 2nd place trophy.
- From 1983 to 1991 teams appeared at state six times placing 8th, 5th, 4th and 3rd.
- 213 and 38 in last 13 years of coaching
- In 17 seasons, teams placed at state 13 times including 10 years in a row from 1979 to 1988.
- In 2003 David was inducted into the Washington State Football Coaches Hall of Fame as one of the most successful football coaches in the A-league.

That court was so small that the circle at the top of the key overlapped the center circle, and it had the old narrow "key-hole" style.

Braddock built a program from the bottom up, proved that girls' basketball could be on par with boys' basketball, and proved to the girls that they were just as important as boys. Girls leaving his program knew that through hard work, they could be successful at anything.

David and his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann Thompson Braddock raised six children: Steve, Shari, Teri, Mike, Cathy, and Linda. Two of his children have become teachers and coaches following in his footsteps. David and Mary Ann have 15 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. He and Mary Ann make their home in Pasco, Washington and Yuma, Arizona.

David still enjoys competing, but golf is now his game of choice

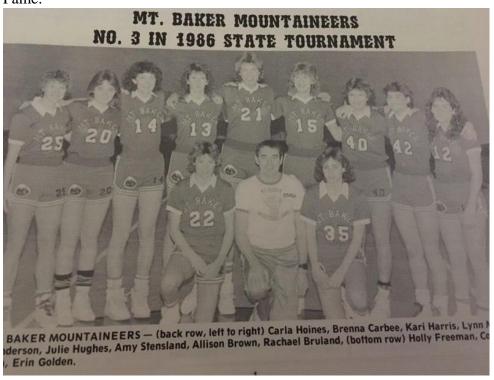
Jim Freeman

What makes a great coach? Knowledge of the game, ability to demonstrate drills and organizational skills are important, the following five traits have more to do with it: Humility, Compassion, Communication, Passion and Leadership. These are the traits that are far more important in determining whether or not a coach will become a great coach. Jim Freeman was a great coach. It did not matter if he was coaching math, Boys Track, Girls Track, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross country or Girls Basketball... coach Freeman was simply a great coach. This is proven by the fact that this is the third Washington State Coaches Hall of



Coach Freeman and his players celebrating after beating Lynden Christian for the Northwest Conference District Championship

Fame that Coach Freeman is being inducted into. Jim Freeman is already a member of the Washington State Coaches hall of Fame for both Track and Cross Country and now in 2018 he is joining the WSGBCA Hall of Fame.



Coach Freeman with the 3rd Place 1985-1986 team.

Jim Freeman Coached Girls' Basketball for 19 years at Mount Baker High School from 1977 to 1998. During his time as a coach he led Mount Baker to a 281 and 180 record. Thirteen of coach Freeman's 19 seasons ended with a winning record and in ten of those seasons the teams qualified for the State Tournament. (Just so people know... when you are in the same league as Lynden Christian and Lynden... these are impressive numbers.) As a matter of fact, when asked for a few of his greatest memories, Coach Freeman replied,

"Beating league rival Lynden Christian in overtime for 3rd place at the State Tournament in 1982. LC had beaten us 4 times that season in league and district play. As we built up our lead or fans started chanting 'It's our turn'" Coach Freeman's Career Milestones:

Basketball

- 281 career wins
- Qualified for state 10 times
- 7 trophies at the state tournament
- 4 district Championships

Other Sports:

- Boys Cross Country: 19 league titles, 8 district titles and 3 state titles
- Girls Cross Country: 17 league titles, 6 District titles and 2 state titles
- Boys track: 3 State Titles (Not sure on league and district titles.)

Cool Facts:

- Coached 118 teams over span of 43 years
- Placed 18th at Boston Marathon in 1965
- Won AAU Western Hemisphere Marathon in 1967
- Won AAU National 15-kilometer race in 1967



Coach Freeman giving instruction in the huddle



It was his second answer to the question however, that truly shows why Jim Freeman is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. "Over the years, while still young, some of my players have suffered the death of a parent or have died themselves. I've spoken at three of these funeral services, offering words of comfort, faith and hope." Jim's athletes saw him not only as a coach or mentor... but as a friend and father figure. He worked with his athletes understanding that they were people first and athletes second.

Coaching Philosophy:

The preparation to win is where the ingredients for success are blended together. The competitive spirit is developed in practice and tested in competition. All of that occurs within an environment of love and respect which are the major components of teamwork. If that occurs, then the athlete competes for something greater than personalized glory. —Jim Freeman -

When asked what he enjoyed most in about coaching, Coach Freeman stated, "The camaraderie between me and my athletes, coaching staff, parents and fans, and 'rival' coaches. The Whatcom county league is unique. Coaches, players, and fans genuinely like and respect each other."

The feeling was mutual about the league and friendly competition. Curt DeHaan from Lynden Christian who was inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fame for the WSGBCA in 2016 stated, "Jim was a fantastic coach who always had his teams ready to compete. Mt. Baker was always prepared, they played hard and they played fair. Jim was a great coach, but he is an even better person. It was a lot of fun competing against Mt. Baker. They were a team that you would root for when you weren't playing them."

The WSGBCA would like to thank Baden Basketball for their continued support of Girls Basketball in the State of Washington!!

Dennis Olson

As coaches, we ask for information so that we can write up a bio for the program. In the case of Dennis Olson, Priscilla Wood, the team statistician wrote the following. Again... it is better to just share what she wrote rather than try to write a bio.

The History of Girls Basketball at Auburn High School as remembered by Priscilla (Davis) Wood, team statistician

When I came to Auburn High School to teach in the fall of 1965, there weren't very many sports in which girls could participate. I remember that gymnastics, tennis, swimming, and golf teams had female members. Tennis and golf were co-ed. And then things changed.



Coach Olson at a Reunion lunch with former players

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a United States law, enacted on June 23, 1972, that amended Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 2002 it was renamed the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act in honor of its principal author Congresswoman Mink, but is most commonly known simply as Title IX. The law states that "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance...."

Because of Title IX schools started adding additional programs for girls. Although the new amendment was

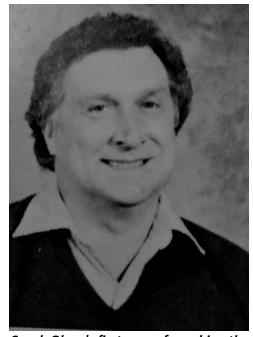
not designed specifically for women in athletics, to this day people often refer to it as the start of something important. Volleyball was added at Auburn High in the 1973-1974 school year, and the following year basketball started with Dennis Olson as the first coach. The junior highs did not have teams yet, so ninth graders could come to the high school to participate. Auburn High School teacher Becky Keefe was one such player who played as a freshman on our very first team.

(Note: Ninth graders were added to the high school in later years.)

At first the girls' games were played in the afternoon. I started attending as I felt the team needed support. I can remember being happy if we scored 30 points or more. That first season we lost one game to Tyee 22 to 13. I remember that Coach Olson kept a senior on this first team as she was the only one with any basketball experience. By the end of that season we were 6 and 6 and had picked up a lot of playing knowledge. By the end of season two we qualified for regionals, and at the end of the third season we went to State.

I remember State in 1982. We were a pretty good team (only one loss at that point) and had to play a very good Bellevue team. We beat them by two points and were so excited. Two days later we played Clover Park in our very first state championship game. Although we lost by five, we gained a lot of confidence for the following year.

The 1982-1983 season was unbelievable. I sincerely believed that the only way we were going to lose a game was if we beat ourselves. But that didn't happen. Yes, our first game at State was a one-point victory over Richland. The semifinal game against Garfield went into overtime. And finally the championship game ended up Auburn 55 Everett 50. We were 27 and 0 for the year. The Seattle Center Arena had one side packed with Auburn fans cheering us on. We even traveled to Olympia to be recognized by the legislature.



Coach Olson's first year of coaching the team wen 6 and 6. Over the next 18 years of coaching the teams went 426 adn 70 and were either first (15 times) or second (3) times in their league.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, Auburn was known as the team to beat. We repeatedly qualified for State and played in seven championship games during those years. In 1991 our only losses were to out-of-state teams at a tournament in Pennsylvania. Mead (Spokane) was our championship opponent that year. We beat them 44 to 36 but lost the following year in the championship game by only one point. It's tough to lose in that championship game.

Auburn has had an impressive number of players who went on to play on the college level. While playing for us, many were recognized for their outstanding play. To name a <u>few</u>: Dana Fish, Courtside All-State Team and Seattle *Times* All-Star team (played

Coach Olson at a glance

Total Record: 426 and 70 85.0 %

Total League Record: 263 and 18 93.6 %

Placed at State 12 times including:

- 2 State Championships 1982-1983 and 1991-1992
- 5 2nd Place Finishes
- 1 3rd Place finish
- 25th place finishes

for University of Idaho); Behka Stafford, Scholastic Coach (Gatorade) State Player of the Year and Western Regional Player of the Year as well as Washington Sportswriters Association AAA Girls' Team and Associated Press All-State Team (played at Brigham Young); Dana Thompson, Seattle *Times* State Star of the Year and *Tacoma News Tribune* All Stars. Dana Thompson is our all-time top scorer with 1216 points (went on to the University of Washington). Nancy Hove pulled down 686 rebounds during her career at Auburn (played for the University of Washington). Lisa Raschkow (on that 1983 championship team who also became a Husky) dished out 550 assists while still scoring 979 points in her playing career at Auburn. We have a number of recent graduates playing for local community colleges, and Heather Restrepo is [was] on

Coach Olson

In answer to questions about his coaching career, Coach Olson said his coaching philosophy was playing pressure defense and a fast-break offense. He enjoyed seeing his players improve from year to year. A couple of his greatest memories as a coach were being ranked # 5 in the nation in 1882 and winning two State Championships.

1982 and 1989 named Star Times Coach of the year

In 1990 he was selected as the National Federation of High School Sports Division 8 (Western United States) Coach of the Year for All Sports.

In 1992 he was named State Coach of the year for girls' basketball.

In 1999 the Seattle Times listed an All-Century Coaches list. Coach Olson is listed at the top of the list for girls' teams.

Fourteen former players became either high school or college coaches.

57 girls went on to play college basketball. 19 at community college, 38 at four year schools including 20 division 1 players.

the team at Western Washington University. Nneka Payne (Sacramento State and Central Washington State) was named to the All-SPSL first team twice just a few years back. Auburn teams have been recognized by *Parade* magazine and also *USA Today*.

Coach Olson retired following the 1991-1992 season. JV coach Tony Higgins took over for several years followed by Stacy Jordison, Jessica Hansen, Ed Bender, and present coach Adam Ladage [now followed by others]. I've been the statistician for the team from sometime in the 70s. Besides taking stats and creating greeting cards for the girls, I decided to do something extra special in 1983 and 1991. How many teams do you know that have had songs written especially for them? My friend composer Rick Vale wrote and recorded songs for both State championship teams. It was my special present to the team. We've had quite a history here at Auburn High School for the nearly forty years of girl's basketball. I wish them many more victories and great memories.

