

Wrestlers taste victory

Clackamas Community wrestling team managed to defeat Blue Mountain Community College and a loss to Columbia Basin Community College in weekend action.

Friday night, the Cougars had a relatively easy time of it as they won all eight matches beating Blue Mountain, 40-12.

Along the way were second place finishes by Ron Geister, Tim Jones and Jeff Burgsma and Tom Burghardt's 11-5 victory over former champion Dan Stuart. However, the following evening was an entirely different story as the Cougars managed only two wins and a tie as they lost to Columbia Basin, 29-14.

The meet was really closer than the score indicated. Both Schneider and Tim Jones were in matches on riding time. The Cougars was ahead 15-9 when Schneider and Tom Burghardt defeated Hans Nelson, Columbia Basin premier wrestler.

"The first I thought we had was a lot of improvement in our victory over Blue Mountain. Looking closely at our performance against Columbia Basin we realize that we need a lot of being aggressive and attacking our opponents before I will be ready to go out and win that State title again," said Coach Rich Taylor.



Craig Groener and Curt Lowery Wrestle off at a recent practice.

As for the season thus far, Taylor feels the team has done better than he expected but he says that they could be doing better.

The highlight was the third place finish of Rocky Schneider and Ron Geister in the University of Washington Invitational Tournament, held Dec. 18 in Seattle.

Clackamas grabbed sixth place overall out of the 15 team field, the highest finish for an Oregon community college in the tourney. North Idaho, the no. two ranked team in the nation, finished first.

Individually, both Schneider and Geister have been the most consistent so far in the season. They have records of 7-3 and 6-3, lead the team in total points with 27 and 28, and they also have the most takedowns on the team with 14 and 10, respectively.

The Cougars have added Tim Jones, 168 pounder from Estacada; Kurt Odgers, 150 pounds from Oregon City; Craig Groner,

and Dryden, 134 pounds from Lake Oswego and Steve Summers a 142-150 pounder from Evergreen High School in Washington.

Two of the Cougars strongest wrestlers, Wayne Snoderly, 190 pounds, and Sid Young, 150 pounds, have left the team because they needed more money and more social time.

Snoderly was one of the Cougars strongest wrestlers last season. He won the state title and advanced to both the regional and national tournaments.

The Cougars will enjoy their home opener on Friday, Jan. 13 against Central Oregon Community College. Coach Taylor sees them as the team to beat this season.

The Bobcats feature 1977 state champion Joe Davis, who won the title while at Clackamas, and will present the first stern test of 1978 Cougars' record. They have never lost a dual meet to an Oregon community college.

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Chuck Enssline and Bobby Davey, two Clackamas students, competed in the Lometa Gymnastics Invitational Meet in Central Oregon Dec. 22 and 23.

Approximately 100 people competed in the meet. Ensslin took fourth in vaulting and eighth in floor exercise while Davey took 28th on the rings.

Jerry Inman, a former professional football player and

University of Oregon graduate will supervise a weight-lifting clinic tonight at 7 pm. in Randall Hall.

The program is free and will feature proper warm-up and stretching exercises, correct power lifting techniques and how to gain weight through lifting and proper diet.

The clinic is aimed primarily toward the benefits of weight training for athletes.

ACU-I games start

The Association of College Unions-International and the Associated Student Government are sponsoring their annual campus tournaments.

Competition began yesterday in chess, billiards, table tennis, foosball, and bowling. Winners of competition will advance to the regionals. All expenses are paid and contestants could qualify for nationals.

Jim Lee attended the tournament last year in billiards competition and hopes to again this year.

"It was enjoyable but the bad thing was they played a different type and we didn't know it until we got down there," Lee said. "It was nice competing with so

many schools there."

Any CCC student is eligible to play in the tournament but must carry at least six credit hours to qualify for Regionals.

Foosball and billiards carry \$1 fees and the rules for them are posted in the Game Room. Reservations for the tables must be made with the Game Room Attendant.

Table tennis will be set up in the lobby of Randall Hall Gym. Paddles and balls can be checked out through Lynn Vaught in the Athletic Office.

According to Debbie Baker, student activities advisor, a bus will be chartered in conjunction with two or three other schools to go to the Regionals.

Winning eludes women hoopster team

The College's women's basketball team, despite improved rebounding and defensive efforts, continued to suffer shooting problems as they lost to Columbia Basin Community College and Walla Walla Community College in weekend action.

The Cougars are 1-6 for the year and, without the benefit of a home game, played Columbia Basin close all the way, and at one time enjoyed a 10-point lead before their cold shooting enabled Columbia Basin to rally and win 47-42.

It was probably the Cougars 18 for 83 shooting that did them in as their pressure defense began to do the job. They forced Columbia Basin into 38 turnovers.

Individually, the Cougars were led by center Tammy White with 15 points and 11 rebounds, Erin Gainbee with 9, and Barb Young with 7.

Saturday night, the Cougars 9 for 53 shooting virtually eliminated any chance the Cougars might possibly have to win as Walla Walla won going away 58-27.

Turnovers were also a big problem as the Cougars mistakes were nearly equal in number to their 55 rebounds.

Tammy White led the individual stats as she had 16 points and 13 rebounds before fouling out. Linda Seeley and Betty Simon also had strong games as they both had 10 rebounds.

The Cougars rebounding showed a marked improvement as Clack-

amas outrebounded Walla Walla 55-42.

The Cougars rough start can be attributed to two main factors; a general lack of experience and an extreme tightness in their offense.

The Cougars lack of experience comes from the fact that Head

Coach, Nancy Mikelton, has only one returning player from last year's squad. For many of the players it has been awhile since they've played competitive basketball.

Unfortunately, that problem leads directly to their next and

most damaging problem, a lack of ability to put the basketball into the basket.

Mikelton attributes some of this problem to the type of practices they have had before the games.

"Before our most recent practices, the girls simply haven't been put in the same kind of pressure situation that they get in a game situation, and as a result, when they go into the game they are tense and are reluctant to shoot. Therefore, they miss a lot of shots that they would have normally made."

"It also seems that the girls rely too heavily on Tammy to do the scoring for them. As a result, many times Tammy will take shots with three people on her, and even though she makes a lot of these shots, many times somebody else will be open for a better shot," said Mikelton.

"However, this problem is gradually improving as the girls are beginning to play more aggressive in practice and put themselves into game type pressure. I feel and hope that the problem will eventually take care of itself as they get more experience," said Mikelton.

One more helpful factor will be that the Cougars will play their first home game of the season as take on the University of Oregon J.V.'s on Tuesday Jan. 10 with the tipoff set for 6:30 p.m. They then travel to Newberg to take on George Fox University for a game on Thursday, Jan. 12.

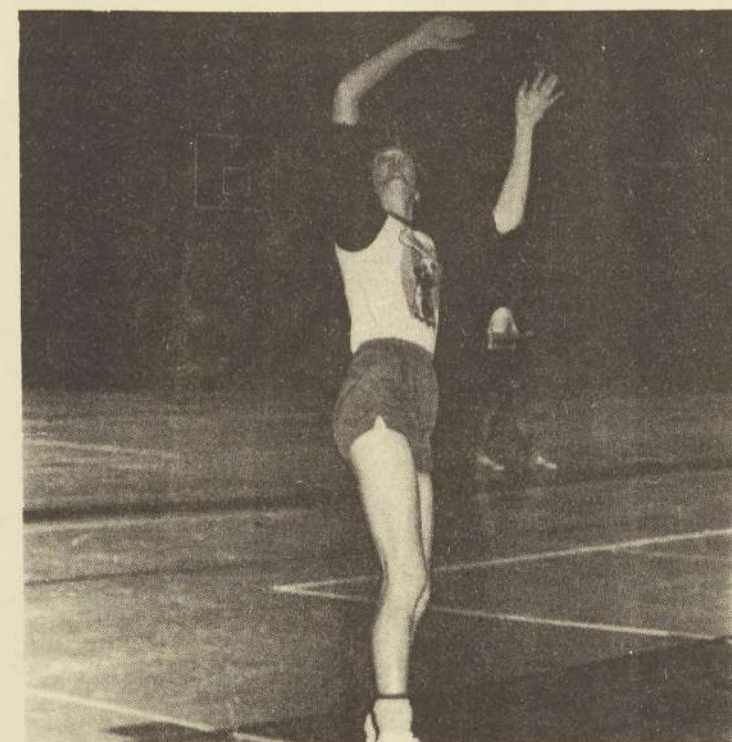


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Ballet? No its just Barbara Young doing a lay-up during women's basketball practice as coach Nancy Mikelton watches in the background.



Rocky Schneider seems to be comfortably perched atop Craig Groener during an exercise at a wrestling practice.

The biggest problem that faces the Cougars right now is finding enough players to fill a good, solid starting lineup. The biggest weakness is from 150 pounds and

know for a fact that we will never have a wrestler in the 126 pound weight class. Our other wrestlers in the lower weight division will remain the same until the season progresses further and have more wrestling experience, they haven't been able to because of the lack of wrestling in the lower weight classes," said Taylor.

However, where we have a weakness in the lower weight classes we will have considerable strength in the upper weight classes. We have nine wrestlers in the 190 pound class and this will make us one of the strongest teams in the state."

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