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CCC boosts streak to 68

Clackamas wrestlers will compete in the Oregon College Athletic Association this weekend after having run their Oregon dual meet record to 68 straight.

"We're still not completely healthy going into the state meet," Rich Taylor, head coach, said. "We will be using the team we used for our dual meet season with the exception of Tom Burghardt who is still out with injuries."

Clackamas is seeded first in five weights as the tournament. Taylor looks for tough competition from Umpqua Community College and possibly Central Oregon Community College.

"We're still about two weeks away from reaching our peak, but if the rest of the team shows the kind of intensity that Rocky Schneider did this weekend, we

should win state again," Taylor said.

Schneider took first in the Oregon-Washington Community Challenge Championships hosted by the College last weekend. Only seven Clackamas wrestlers were entered in five weight classes. Ron Geister took second and Mike Vogele third to anchor for the Cougars fourth place finish overall.

"We let the people with injuries rest up this weekend," Taylor said. "The tournament wasn't that important to us."

In dual meet action, Clackamas downed Mt. Hood 22-14 at home last Wednesday despite numerous Cougar injuries.

Sam Baer, 118 pounds, led in scoring, but with 35 seconds left in the match, Mt. Hood's Jim Deming turned and pinned

him.

Tom Gilbo couldn't quite provide a win either as he drew with Stephen Smith 7-7. But, finally Bill Bowers did win pulling out his match 5-4.

At 150, the Saint's Steve Moses decisioned Steve Summers 12-8 after both schools gave up a forfeit at 142 pounds. Dennis O'Quinn took revenge for Clackamas beating his opponent 5-4.

Ron Geister, 167 pounds won a superior decision over Steve Anderson, 18-6, while 177 pounder Mike Vogele beat his foe 8-4.

Winning by a forfeit was 190-Pounder Rocky Schneider. Mt. Hood's highly publicized heavy-weight Dave Bartkowski brought the Saints closer but not close enough as he won 8-5 over Craig Groner.



Photo by Sam Baer

Mark Schroeder appears to be giving Chemeketa opponent right to the jaw. Cougars won both of their last two games to move closer to a playoff berth.

Basketballers have chance for playoff berth

The College Men's Basketball team moved one step closer to their first regional playoff appearance this past week with victories over Chemeketa and Judson Baptist.

The victories solidified the Cougar's hold on third place in league standings with an eight and six record. With two games left in the season, the Cougars have an excellent chance to enter the league playoffs in third place.

If they can take third place, they will host the fourth place team in the opening round of the playoffs.

The winner of that game plays the second place team for the right to go to the regional tournament at the College of Southern Idaho on Feb. 22.

At this time, the Cougar opponent, in the opening round, would be either Linn-Benton (7-7), Chemeketa (6-8) or Umpqua (6-8).

Linn-Benton has the best shot as Chemeketa has to travel to Bend to take on co-leader Central Oregon and Umpqua hosts the other leader, Lane.

The Cougars second round opponent will also be decided this week as Lane travels to Bend to take on Central Oregon for undisputed first place in league standings.

As for the Cougars, they still have home games with Umpqua Friday, Feb. 17 and Southwestern Oregon Community College on Saturday, Feb. 18. Saturday's game will also be Sophomore Appreciation Night.

Umpqua will look different than the last game in which Clackamas won 71-65. Umpqua's leading scorer and top rebounder, Jamie Piles, has been injured and out of play for the remainder of the season.

Piles, a 6-4 sophomore, was averaging 15 points per game.

Southwestern Oregon holds

the unique distinction. They are scoring the fewest points and are forfeiting the fewest points in the league.

This was especially apparent the last time the two teams met as SWOCC stalled for most of the game, but the Cougars prevailed, winning in overtime 41-39.

In games last week, Clackamas played inconsistently throughout the game against Chemeketa, but came out on top, 81-75.

Clackamas led 45-34 at the half and had a 16 point lead with 16:30 to go in the game, when Dan Slick fouled out of the game.

As a result, Chemeketa was able to come back and tie the score at 65.

However, that's when Jim Coffman went to work scoring nine of the Cougars last 16 points to put Clackamas on top at the final.

Slick led the Cougars with 26

points, 20 in the first half. Tom Martin added 18 points, 12 rebounds, and Coffman 15.

The game against Judson Baptist saw the Cougars lead at half, 45-40. With 13:30 left in the game, the Cougars 55-52.

The Cougars then went to a zone defense and were able to outscore Judson Baptist 12-0 in the closing minutes for the 54 lead and a 87-77 victory.

Slick led the Cougars with 22, Tom Tirrill added a season high 16 points and, in the process, set a school record in assists with six for the game.

Coffman added 14, Jeff Johnson added 12 points and 12 rebounds and Martin added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

For Judson Baptist, the team's fifth leading scorer, Tom Kahel had 26 points and Willie Frezin added 24.



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Chemeketa Head Coach Rick Adelman and Matt Rawlins look on in despair as the Clackamas Cagers rolled over Chemeketa at home Friday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mens basketball	Fri 17 Umpqua	7:30	Home
	Sat 18 SWOCC	7:30	Home
Womens basketball	Fri 17 Lane	6:30	Eugene
	Tue 21 Mt. Hood	6:30	Home
Wrestling	Sat 18 OCCAA Tourney	10:00	Bend
Bowling	Thu 16 PCC	3:30	Portland

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