

Wrestlers lose State title after nine years

Clackamas wrestlers' hopes for a ninth straight state title ended last weekend at the Central Oregon Community College when the college grabbed the title.

It was a very disappointing loss for us. We finished fourth. Rocky Schneider to an Head Coach Rich Taylor. "We're going to re-start again."

Friday and Saturday the team will travel to Rexburg, Idaho for the National Junior Athletic Association Regional Championships.

The season is not over," Taylor said. "We expect to take the team to Nationals and for them to place."

Clackamas looks for North Idaho, second in the nation, to repeat seventh, and Oregon State to vie for the title. Both Idaho schools have home crowd advantage.

Everything was going well in the first round until Rocky got injured on an ankle. The referee didn't stop the match. Taylor explained. "It took the wind out of the team. The whole team attitude was changed."

Schneider will be out of action for at least five months. He has a separated shoulder, and an operation. Either a screw will be put in to stabilize the muscle, tendon and ligament in place, according to Taylor.

In Schneider's match, he lost by default, Craig Taylor lost to Vance Lewis in the first round. These two losses com-

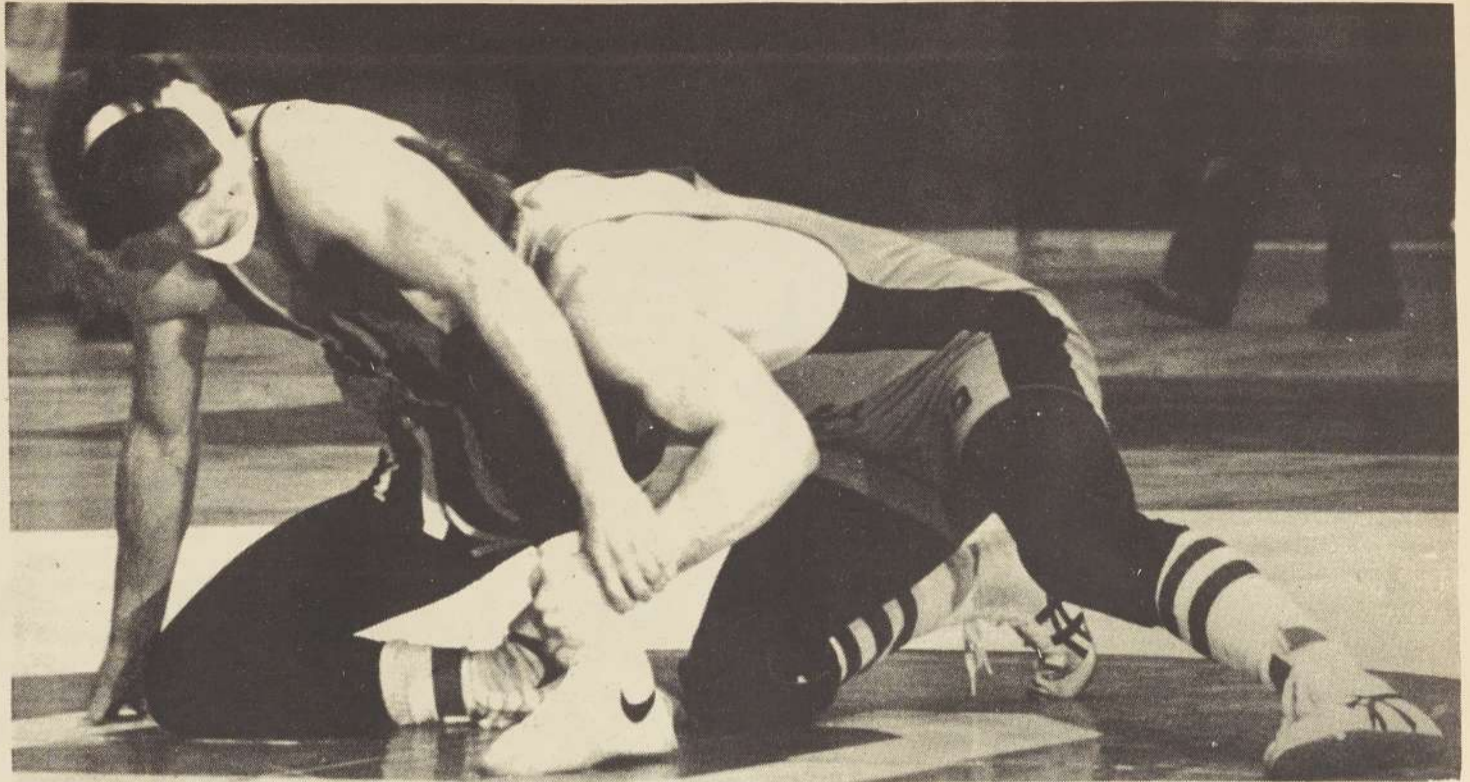


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combined took away any chance Clackamas had for regaining the state crown.

Tim Jones, 167 pounds, did provide a bright spot. Jones was the only individual state titleist for CCC.

With the score 1-1 Ron Geister and Ray Cox of COCC went into overtime. Cox came out the winner by a referee's decision to claim the number one spot.

Craig Groener, 190 pounds, was also second losing to Joe Davis by a fall 7:56 in the third round. Also placing second and being beaten by a pin was Tom Gilbo, 118 pounds.

"I was pleased with Steve Sommer's performance. He won his first two matches of the year," Taylor said. Sommers wrestles at 150 pounds for the Cougars.

Armbender Classic attracts small crowd

The Armbender Classic, a wristwrestling tournament, was held last Wednesday in Randall Hall gym with winners in the men's divisions but no entrants in the women's.

"Part of the reason for the small turnout was probably because the tourney was held the same time as the Ali-Spinks fight," Paul Fiskum, Community Services Director, said.

Tom Gilbo, a CCC wrestler, took first in the 125-pound division. Brad Hamilton took first at 150 with Craig Koch second.

In the 175-pound class, it was Mark Sass, first; Dave Simpson, second; Joe Rosenberry, third; and Steve Hougham, fourth.

Robert Cressler was followed by Ted Troutman, Brad Baker, and Dave Nero for first through fourth, respectively, in the 200-pound weight class.

Heavyweight entrants Mike Staudenmaier, Tom Paullin and Floyd Holt grabbed top honors in that division.

In high school competition no entries were recorded in the 120 and 200-pound classes and in the heavyweight division.

Gladstone's Darrell Jones took first at 140 with Bruce McMinn of Woodburn and Bart Sowa of Oregon City, second and third.

Wilco league high school competitors took the top three honors at 160 pounds. Robert

Bonslett, Oregon City; Jeff Eker-son, West Linn; and Jeff Tedder, Milwaukie finished in that order. Dave Morris, Mulino, took fourth.

Duane Papst, West Linn, and Dave McCluogh, Mollala, took first and second honors at 180 pounds.

Trophies were awarded to the champions with second, third and fourth place finishers receiving certificates.

Players sign

Two former Clackamas Community College football players have signed letters of intent to play at Portland State University next year.

It was revealed last week that Dale Veith, 6-6, 255 pound lineman, and Keith Perkins, 6-4, 240 pound defensive lineman will be added to the Viking squad.



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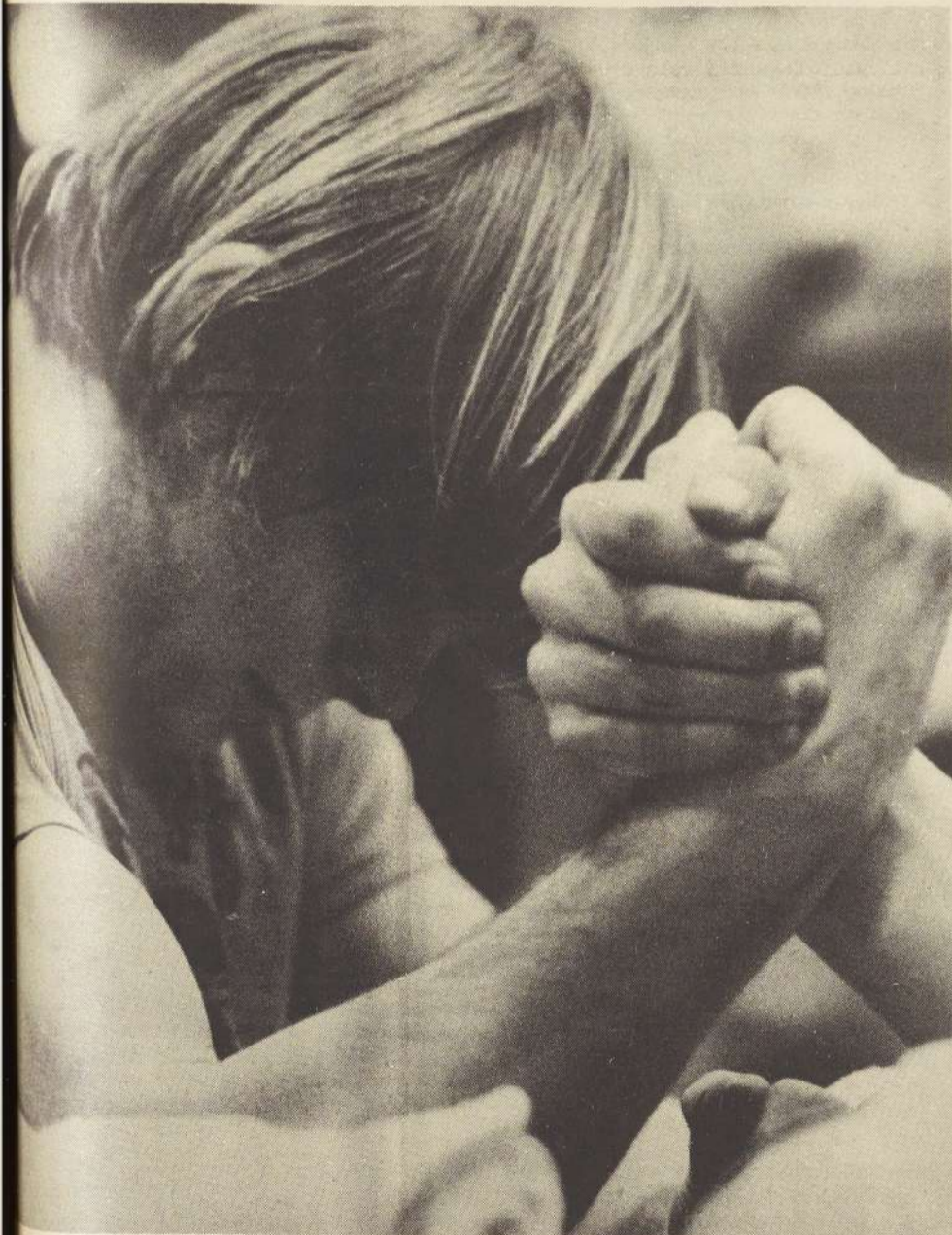


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Matt Bonslett, Oregon City, won the 160-pound weight wrist-wrestling class in the high school division of the Armbender Classic, held Feb. 15 at the College.

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