

Five head for Nationals

Clackamas wrestling team had five people for the tournament in Worth-Minn., and took six for a third place finish at regional tournament last weekend.

Jones, 158 pounds, was the champion for Clackamas and topped his record to 11 with his weekend wins.

Bergsma, heavyweight,

wrestled for the first time since January when he was put out of action because of a shoulder injury. Bergsma wrestled well enough to take second along with 177-pounder Craig Groener.

Tom Gilbo, at 118, beat North Idaho's man to keep them out of that weight class. It was the only weight the Champions didn't qualify in. Gilbo took third as did Ron Geister at 167.

"We had one disappointment.

Mike Vogele was awarded a take-down with :15 giving him the lead 5-3," Rich Taylor, head coach said. "Then the ref took it away and Mike's opponent got a takedown and it ended 5-3 with Mike losing."

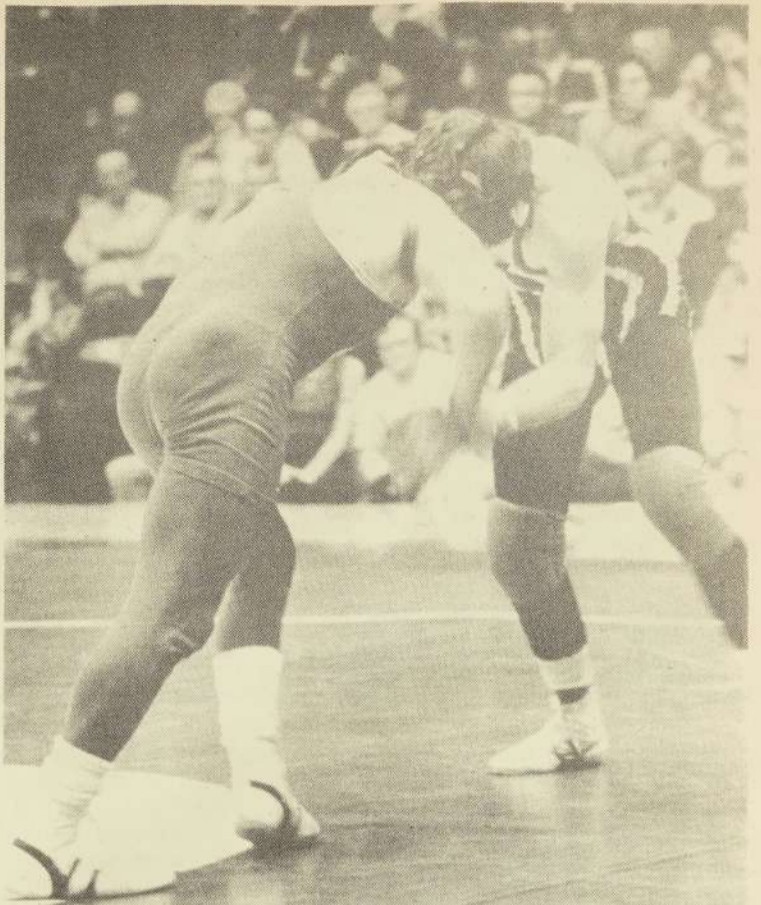
Vogele did manage to qualify for the National tournament despite his setback and placed fourth overall in the 190-pound weight class.

Dennis O'Quinn lost by one point to the Oregon Conference Champion thus losing his chance for the trip to Minnesota. Another possible factor in O'Quinn's loss was cutting 15 pounds in one week.

"We didn't bring the state trophy back, but we dominated the Oregon schools," Taylor said. "It made the kids feel good that we finished better than those who beat them last week. They had something to prove."

The team leaves Wednesday morning for Minnesota.

"We're all looking forward to the trip. All of our guys can at least win a match, and we're hoping for a couple of place winners," Taylor said.



CCC wrestlers win a third place at the Regional tournament last weekend. Five of them are going to wrestle in the national tournament.

Sports notes

Individually, Tigard High School product, Dan Slick, finished the year as the Cougars scorer with 528 points, and highest single-season scorer in Clackamas history.

The freshman forward was named to the 1977-78 Oregon Community College Athletic Association All-Conference

In 1977-78, Slick was second in the league in scoring with a 20.2 average; fourth in field goal percentage at .556; ninth in free throws, and eighth in rebounding at 9 a game.

A bench press contest will be held Wednesday March 8 at 6:30 in Handall Hall gym.

Weight classes will include high school and open divisions. Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the contest.

Each contestant will be given three attempts at each weight. There will be a time that the weight must be held before it can be released.

The First Annual Grand Rotten Relays were held last weekend in perfectly rotten rain.

The track and field competition was composed of mixed men and women teams. The meet stressed fun and gave the participants a chance to get ready for real competition.

"There were some good efforts by both men and women in several events," Les Tipton, mens track coach said.

"We ran some rotten races in rotten weather and had a good time," Roger Smith, womens track coach said.

Coach skips clinic

Clackamas baseball coach Peterson, skipped this Pete Ward Baseball Clinic at Lewis and Clark College last 11.

Ward, an Oregon native and a third baseman for the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees of the American League, has built his clinic around well-known baseball personalities. They give a few basic lessons on how to improve your batting and fielding.

Peterson feels that the clinic serves very little benefit

"The clinic is nothing more than a show. I've taken players to clinics on previous years and I come away with anything but a benefit because all the players tell stories," said Peterson.

There are two reasons for the problem, one is the fact that you can't get anything out of the clinic because you can't show the audience how to hit .368 or be the greatest third baseman in the world.

With this problem already existing, the crowd doesn't get to participate in the clinic at all," Peterson said. "As for Clackamas Community College

the coaches clinic, Lasorda was about as inspirational as a comedian. He tried to keep us laughing all the time."

Len Clarke, of Beaverton, whose Raleigh Hills Little League team won the state championship and went to the regional tournament at San Bernardino, Cal., feels that the clinics have been entertaining, learning, and even emotional.

"There's a tremendous benefit from the clinics," Clarke said. "You are always going to learn something. I took a couple of kids from an all-star little league team a couple of years ago and it was hard to pick out the unique things during the instructional periods. But there are little pointers you don't get anywhere else".

As a little league coach for twelve years, Clarke has found the all-day coaching clinics very beneficial. "The coaches clinic is also entertaining, but very good on in-depth instruction," said Clarke.


"The talk has been heavy on strategy of the game. I've been to three coaches clinics and they really talk team technique," he said. "Lasorda gave the most inspirational talks I've ever heard."

"I feel that the clinics have been beneficial and that the speakers have been very interesting," John Zarnekee, Gladstone High School baseball coach, said "I think Ward should try and operate his clinic like Jack Dunn, Portland State's Coach," said Peterson.



Steve Gustovich stretches out in preparation for spring baseball practice.

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