

# Tennis loss netted in Texas showdown

Facing very stiff competition, Clackamas participants Mike Maynard and Buddy Patnode were unable to advance past the first round in the National Collegiate tennis tournament last week in Waco, Texas.

The talent was far better than anything we have in our area colleges herein the Northwest. In fact, most of those who showed up there could have been many of our University players, such as University of Oregon and Portland," head coach Rich Taylor said.

The players also faced opponents that started the season in February and played over 100 matches (Clackamas plays as many as possible) before the season ended in May.

The tournament also featured

many players from other countries. Of the 180 participants 74 were from Europe, Australia, and South America.

Maynard, the first singles Regional Champion was eliminated in the first round after losing to A. Prueter from Henry Ford College in Michigan, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

"The problem is that only 11 of 22 regional champs become seeded and rarely does a player from the Northwest get seeded," Taylor said. "We simply don't play enough big names."

If Maynard would have been seeded he would have played the third place finisher in the Region instead of the Regional champion.

"Maynard got to bed at a decent time for the northwest, but the two hour time difference really had an effect on him when

he had to get up for the match the next morning," Taylor said.

"It's too bad, if Mike would have played up to his potential he probably would have been in the top eight of the tournament," Taylor said.

Patnode also lost in first round competition, he falling to the number eight seed in the tournament, Chris Bernstein of Shriners, Texas, 6-0, 6-1.

"Buddy's problem was that he felt like he was the worst player in the tournament, and he simply went out and tried to prove that. He had no intensity at all," Taylor said.

In doubles action, Maynard and Patnode won the first round defeating Siegel and Alek from Nassau College in New York, 7-5, 6-4.

"In the first set, neither team played well. Both seemed to be

trying to see who could have the most missed hits," Taylor said. "However, in the second set Maynard and Patnode came out and took control of the match. They won a couple of games by love scores and won the match in a very close final game."

In the second round, Clackamas lost to the number three doubles team in nation, Latrell and Rivera from Midland, Texas, 6-4, 6-1.

Clackamas led 3-1 in the first set but missed two critical shots and never got another chance. The Texas team won 11 of the next 13 games in the tourney for the easy victory.

"When they missed those shots in the first set I knew they were in trouble. You simply can't give a good team a couple of points," Taylor explained. "They won't let you back in."

"I'm very proud of the guys efforts because it's only our fourth year of competition. It took us to the national tournament and we can keep looking for better things every year," Taylor said.

Maynard, the college's first region I champion in singles, a member of the region's top doubles team, and the compiler of an overall 44-5 record, was named the team's Most Valuable player.

Patnode, who combined with Maynard on the doubles team that went 23-3 over two years was named the team's Most Improved player.

"There was no comparison in his play from the start of the season to the end of the season," head coach Rich Taylor said.

Dave Riggs was named the beneficiary of the Dave Lemon Court Conduct award. The award is given to the player who shows bad temperment on the court.

Taylor also cited the play of the third and fourth seeds, freshman Rick Bobzein and Riggs. He complimented them on fine seasons despite the fact that neither had any high school competition.

"Dwayne Wiegand, could practice only three nights a week finally broke into the lineup at the end of the season," Taylor said. "Phil Rider, who played only one competitive match during the season, but both gave me a lot of encouragement on what to expect for next season."

## Sports notes

The College golf team placed fifth in the Region 18 Oregon Community College Athletic Association. Tom Merrill was the highest placer for Clackamas with a ninth place in both regionals and state.

The Will and Roger Spittler's track club is offering a clinic this summer for women at Oregon State University.

The week-long seminars will focus on the development of individual skills, nutrition, and training for both runners and field event participants.

Will Stephens, the Olympic coach for the Western United States women's track

star Francie Larrieu will be among those featured at the camp.

For more information see the poster in Randall Hall near Room 12 or phone 655-5593.

Roger Smith, the coach of national championship women's cross country and track teams this year has declined a coaching job at the University of Idaho.

Debbie Copher, a second and first singles player and one of the first doubles players, was named the Most Inspirational player on the women's tennis team.

Jeri Trosko was deemed the Most Improved player because of her move to the third position from the fifth on the team.

"Jeri was an unorthodox left-hander who really showed improvement," Gladys Michael, women's tennis coach said.

The second day of competition in an intramural decathlon track meet is being held tomorrow from 11 a.m. to noon. The meet started on Tuesday with the 440-yard dash, the high jump and the mile will be on the agenda for Thursday. All events are run under the Oregon Junior College Athletic Association rules.

Trophies will be awarded to the top point-scorers of both sexes. Entrants need not compete in all the events.

Dave Andersen, the sophomore centerfielder from David Douglas High School, took the top baseball honor this season. He was named the team's Most Valuable player for his play during the 1978 season.

Andersen, hit a .394 and led the league with six triples, and was also named to the First All-Star team and was also a Second All-Regional team member.

Wavne Snoderly won the Golden Glove Award and Bob Simril, who set school records for the best percentage for one season (1.000, 5-0) and career (.889, 8-1). He was named the Most Inspirational.

Freshman Ron Northcutt, the Most Improved award recipient, hit .322 during the season but went six for nine in his last couple of games.

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## Summer activities planned by college

A variety of activities from tennis lessons to an all-comers meet are planned in this summer's community recreation program at the College, according to Paul Fiskum, community recreation supervisor.

Beginning and intermediate tennis lessons will be offered at a cost of \$12 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings consisting of six, one-hour lessons over a period of three weeks. The age groups are 12, 13 to 14, 15 to 16, and 17 years old and over.

Four, two hour adult tennis lessons will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$12.

There will also be three tennis tournaments this summer.

The Territorial Days Tennis Tournament on June 30, July 1 and July 2, will be doubles, mixed doubles, and singles competition with novice and open divisions. Call 656-2631, ext. 232 for more information.

The Clackamas Tennis Club Tennis Tournament on July 7, 8 and 9 will be doubles, mixed doubles, and singles competition.

The Clackamas County Tennis Tournament, August 17 through 20, will be doubles, mixed doubles and singles competition with both novice and open divisions and different age divisions. Call 656-2631, ext. 232 for more information.

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Two junior and senior division free-style wrestling tournaments will be held June 17 and July 22.

The College, the Community School Programs and recreation departments of Oregon City, West Linn and Gladstone will sponsor a series of "All-comers Track Meets" followed by a "Meet of Champions" in June and July.

Adult basketball and volleyball will be offered Wednesday nights, June 21 through August 9, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants must be 18 or older. The event will be held in Randall gym.

A three-on-three basketball league for high school and college age girls is also in the works, according to Fiskum. "It would be a great idea if we

could get the interest," Fiskum said.

"We encourage use of our facilities for family, groups and individuals," Fiskum said. "Scheduling of facilities is a big role of this office, so if anyone wants to schedule time, they should contact me at 656-2631, ext. 232."

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