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nen's wrestling team to North Idaho Friday ost important match Number-one North niversity, both in this nking and position, ned nearly every team ne up against in this

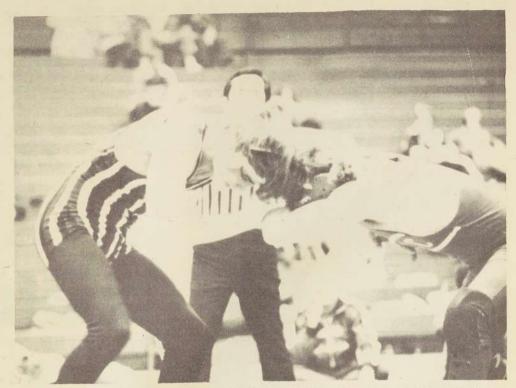
tly, the team beat Basin 34-6. Last CCC grapplers lost to a narrow margin 19key to the loss was two Tim Jones and Dana erry Miles and Darvin st as well

ccording to Wayne one of the team's weight wrestlers, "the will be different. e funny thing about A team might do real st one and not so well

But coach Norm Berney is looking at more "upsets" than circumstances. The team has had their share of upsets the last few encounters. They beat an injury-plagued PSU, 39-6, and cruised by Highline College, 35-6. Their homesponsored tournament last Saturday ended sweet with the home team taking first against 14 other squads in Oregon and Washington.

North Idaho, who would have filled the number 15 spot, didn't show. Tim Jones took a 6-4 decision, sharing first place with Jeff Bergsma, whose opponent was disqualified for kicking. Darvin Tramal and Craig Groner finished second, whicle Craig Wallace and Rich Smith occupied third place

After Friday's encounter, the grapplers face Gray's Harbor and Umpqua.



A Cougar Wrestler competes in last Saturday's 15-team tournament at Randall Gym.

league split causes

McNeary

it happened again. it looked like the as men's basketball going to wake up and ball rolling, another case of "poor defense"

trouncing a defenseless Baptist team, 96-75, nesday, the Cougars traveled to Roseburg on Saturday to play always tough Umpqua Community College. Clackamas dropped the decision, 95-79, with the main reason being a lack of reboun-

With a little more than 10 minutes remaining in the Umpqua game, one of the Cougars' top rebounders, Dan Slick, fouled out of the game. A few minutes later Johnny Williams, Clackamas' other strong rebounder, also went to the bench with too many personals. Not only are these two the leading rebounders on the team, but they are also the leading scorers, so their absence was a vital one in the loss.

"We got beat 52-35 on the boards," Coach Len Tirrill said.

"Of course, Dan and Johnny fouling out of the game didn't have played a little better defense and screened out, we would have come a lot closer to winning.

The major problem in the Cougars' defense lies in making the transition from the offensive end of the floor to the defensive, and Coach Tirrill had some rather choice words to say about that aspect.

"Our transition into our defense stunk," he said. 'There's just no other word for it. If we don't start to improve our defense, pretty soon we're going to end up losing a few more games we should have

Dan Slick led the Cougs' attack regardless of his foul situation as he popped for 20 points while Williams led the team in the rebounding department with 12. Slick is leading the conference in scoring with a 26.2 points per game average and Williams is tied for the league lead in rebounding with an average of 13.6 per game.

Last Wednesday, Clackamas used the 34 points of Slick and the 19 points and 19 rebounds of Williams to push the Cougs past Judson Baptist. The win helped the Cougars keep pace with league leaders Umpqua and Southwestern Oregon C.C. at week's end as they trailed by one Clackamas' league record now stands at 3-2.

"We played in spurts again on Chemeketa at Randall but our press was much more effective than it had been in the

> past," Tirrill said of the Judson game. "It (the press) caused

help much but if we would quite a few turnovers which led to our scores.

> Indeed it did, as CCC collected five straight turnovers at the end of the first half to give them a 17 point cushion at the break. Tirrill still was not satisfied with the team's defense, however.

> "Even in the Judson game we didn't play very good defense," he said. "They still scored 75 points on us."

> Although the Cougars are first in the conference in team scoring with an 86 points per game average, they are last in team defense as they have given up 80.6 points per game.

"It wouldn't worry me so much if our offensive deficit over what we give up per game was about 15 points per game," said Tirrill. "But it is only six and that margin could be cut to nothing in just one game if we lost big, which we could very well do if our big scorers foul out again."

This week Clackamas faces Chemeketa Community College at home on Friday and then will travel to Eugene to play Lane Community Saturday. Starting times of both games will be 8 p.m.

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Rood

College women's team was set back week, losing to Mt. only one point, 58uesday night at Ran-They were stopped Umpqua, 77-58,

lesday's contest, Mt. by as much as 29 as ed the Cougars' zone oach Nancy Mikleton to regroup in the alf, as she lifted the the Cougars began to r way back. But the was not to be, as the valiant effort fell one

n praised the play of White as she conboards allowing Mt. one opportunity

as Community College

each time down the court. Mikleton also pointed to Lisa Laurent who came off the bench to pour in 10 points.

Mikleton was pleased with team's performance, especially with their ability to come back and not quit. Mikleton believes that this year's team could do really well, although they will have to gain some consistency if they want to make a bid for the league crown.

On Saturday, the women had to withstand a three-and-ahalf hour drive to Roseburg for an inter-conference game with

The Cougars were plagued that Mikleton noted, "We had

strength." Mikleton was unable to utilize her bench as she normally likes, incorporating at least nine players throughout the game, and many times playing the whole squad.

Lisa Laurent was the high scorer for the Cougars as the 5'5" guard form Clackamas High poured in 18 points. Tammy White added 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, even though playing at about three-quarter strength, hampered by an ankle injury. Nancy Perkins pulled off sixteen caroms for CCC in a losing ef-

The women are now three and one in league play, one game behind league-leading Umpqua. They will have their work cut out for them this week as they enter the heart of the 79 campaign with two tough inter-conference games this week. On Friday, they will take Gym, and will travel to Eugene to take on Lane Saturday night. Tip off for both contests is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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