

Netmen win national berth

At the outset of any new endeavor, be it the start of a campaign or the commencement of a new quarter, certain goals are set. Although many times the realization of these goals

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seems to crumble away as time progresses and the sometimes harsh realities of the situation hold, there is always hope of attainment in the heart and mind. The CCC men's tennis team is no exception. With the beginning of the 1979 cam-

paign in front of them, the CCC racquetmen set a series of what looked like rather insurmountable goals. But such was not the case. Coach Rich Taylor and his team set as their first goal the capturing of the OCCAA league title...It was realized.

Second objective, to win the state tournament. This they did with ease, winning 17 out of 20 matches which provided them with much needed momentum as they drew closer to grasping yet another goal: the regional championships. Although the attainment of this goal was

somewhat more difficult than the first two, it also was completed and qualified them for a trip to Waco, Texas, and the NJCAA national tournament.

Although Coach Taylor admits that the chances of the team's winning the national championship are quite slim, he is optimistic and feels that a sixth place finish is not out of the question. Taylor commented on the team's chances, "I wouldn't take the guys down there if I didn't think we had a chance. I think we can get eight to 14 points." Taylor added, "I think Tim Qualls is better than the number three player who won it last year and Dave Long plays the type of game that could win some matches. And with Steve Anast, it just depends on the draw. Rick Bobzien could do well at number four," Taylor added.

In retracing CCC's qualifying for the national tournament, first there was the capturing of the OCCAA league title. Next, it was the cake walk at the state tournament, which saw CCC players win first place individual state titles at all four singles slots along with capturing one of the two doubles titles.

But it was not as easy at the regional tournament in Salem, where the Cougs found themselves in what turned out to be a two-horse race with a tough team from Treasure Valley.

At the end of the first day of competition, the Cougs trailed Treasure Valley by two points, which could have been due to the fact that they did not receive the most admirable seeds. "We didn't get the good

seeds. We had seeds in the middle of the pack, consequently, we had tougher matches at the beginning and we got a couple of scares," Taylor said.

As the second and final day of competition opened, CCC players had their backs to the wall to some extent, but responded well under the pressure. "We had been looking for the opportunity to play Treasure Valley," said Taylor. "We played eight matches with them (Treasure Valley), and won five," which ultimately preserved the win for the Cougs as the two teams ended the tourney in a virtual tie. Due to the fact that Clackamas had the edge on head-to-head victories, they received the title.

Individually, for the Cougar racquetmen, Steve Anast finished second to Treasure Valley's Mark Gustus at the number one singles position. Dave Long continued his winning ways, capturing what Coach Taylor called a "pivotal match" over Treasure Valley's Mike Swope, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Ever consistent Tim Qualls baffled tournament opponents enroute to the title at the number three singles position.

Rick Bobzien, who has played extremely well down the stretch, captured the number four singles along with gaining another title on the second doubles team where he was partnered with Alan Clevinger.

The title turned out to be extremely important as they eliminated the Treasure Valley team in the semi-finals before

capturing the title won over the team from Blue Mountain. Jeff Alexander was seeded fourth in the number six singles but came through to gain another important win in the finals where he defeated Treasure Valley's Dwight Geise, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Dave Long and Tim Qualls finished second at number one doubles.

The team will be leaving late Saturday night for Texas where they will get one day's rest before the matches commence on Monday. In recent years the tournament has been dominated by schools from Texas and Florida. Coach Taylor said the team will be setting new goals in regard to the national tournament, which will probably include a possible top 10 finish. No Region 18 team has finished better than twelfth.

Tim Qualls, who played at the number one position for three quarters of the season, sounded optimistic in viewing the trip to Waco commenting, "I think it's a well deserved trip, we deserve to go." Qualls also added, "I think we have a good chance of finishing in the top 10."

The team will practice the rest of the week, working on both doubles and singles play. The atmosphere at Monday's practice was somewhat relaxed, but a feeling of confidence loomed. Rick Bobzien summed up the trip nicely as he half jokingly said, "I'm not sure if I'll do well, but I hope it's sunny so I can get a good tan."

When the competition gets underway, Bobzien and the rest of his team will not be worrying about their sunbaths.

Jock Shorts

Golf

The CCC golf team captured a second place finish at the Tokatee Golf Club last Tuesday. Curt Adamski earned medalist honors as he shot a 74 to pace Clackamas' 320 total. Chemeketa won the event with a 313 while Central Oregon carded 323 and Linn-Benton, 348.

Next action for CCC will be May 20-22 at Tokatee in the state and regional tournament.

Basketball

Basketball award recipients were named last week with Johnny Williams grabbing the coveted MVP trophy. Other winners included Tom Tirrill, most inspirational; Frank Beard, most improved; Mark

Schroder, best defensive player; and Randy Worzech, scholastic athlete.

Track

The women's track team will be defending their national title at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships this weekend. Qualifiers from the men's team also will be participating in the event which takes place in Eugene.

Baseball

Clackamas' baseball team was scheduled to finish their season last week. However, at presstime, there was still a possibility that a make-up game against Mt. Hood might be played this week.

Tennis

The College men's tennis team will be competing at the national meet in Waco, Texas, this weekend.



REBALLER—Jim Schriber hurls a strike past a Chemeketa batsmen in Friday's game. Photo by Kelly Laughlin
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Glovemen sweep four

Clackamas pitchers combined for a total of 37 strikeouts in four games last week as they paced the CCC baseball team to two double-header sweeps. CCC is now 14-19 on the

On Wednesday the Cougars used a complete game five-hitter from Mike Golka in game one to defeat home team Judson Baptist, 3-0. Golka whiffed eight Judson batters in the game and walked only three in recording the win.

Clackamas out hit the hosts, 7-5, as Ron Northcutt had three base raps including a double. Jeff McCall continued

to rip the ball as he had two hits, including a home run, while Denny Hynes added two hits. Kevin Barry drove home two runs in the game.

Dave Coghill struck out an incredible 16 batters in game two, while walking four as CCC grabbed the win, 6-4, in 10 innings. Coghill went the distance to get the win which Clackamas squeaked out in the top of the tenth on a squeeze bunt by Dave Charles. At the plate, the Cougars were led by Kevin Barry's double as they collected five hits, equal to the amount gained by Judson.

Friday CCC dumped Chemeketa twice, 3-1 and 7-6, but collected only five hits in the process. Chemeketa walked a total of 15 batters in the game to aid the Cougar sweep.

In game one, Jim Schriber threw a five hitter, struck out five and walked six to get the win while CCC's only hit was collected by Barry who doubled. Game two saw Mike Golka strike out eight and walk one to gain the victory. Kelly Sutton went 2-3 with a double to pace the CCC hitting. The Cougars had four hits in the game.

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