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Grapplers impressive in early outings

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The CCC men's wrestling team has seen its season get off to an impressive start by winning its first two league matches against Linn-Benton and SWOCC, downing non-league Grays Harbor, 36-14 and taking third among 20 schools at the University of Washington Invitational.

During break the Cougs managed to out-grapple three California teams, sliding by the East Bay Area Wrestling Club 21-17 and trouncing the College of Redwood 48-5 and Santa Rosa 30-16.

By press time, the young but aggressive wrestlers will have met Portland State, which could only muster a thirteenth and 8 points at the University of Washington Invitational. Clackamas, at the same meet, managed to beat rival Northern Idaho by two points with 47. The Cougs hadn't beaten Northern Idaho in nearly three years.

Clackamas showed no mercy, against Linn-Benton,

beating them 50-0. Forfeits to Steve Wheeler, Young Duane McNulty, and heavyweight Rusty Crape provided much of the steam that lead to the win, not to mention pins by 190 pounder Roy Bonner, Bill Blackford, at 167 lbs., and three CCC wrestlers who held their opponents to only one point.

Darvin Tramal, a sophomore who provides much of the leadership for the nearly all-freshman squad, earned a 6-1 victory. One hundred forty-two pounder Lance Wilson, who at 11-1-6 leads his team in wins this year, beat Dexter Stothoff at Linn-Benton 12-1, while 158 pound Eric Martin sweated to an 11-1 win.

While SWOCC was not easy pickings for the Cougs, key wins were created by weights like Bonner, who cinched a 19-4 match, Crape who won 8-7 and Bill Blackford who ended his match up 20-4. One hundred fifty pound Wilson pinned his man, SWOCC's Dave Chambers, in 2:05 and 134 pound Tramal dropped Brad

Covington, 9-4.

Grays Harbor, who bowed to the Cougs last Friday 14-36, lost five times that day, with Tramal, Blackford, Bonner, heavyweight Crape and Wilson cashing in. Wheeler wasted no time, winning 9-1 against Harbor's Jay Izatt, while Eric Martin tied against Hedge Nelson, 2-2. One hundred seventy-seven pound McNulty squeezed past Mike Scholtz 7-

Tramal, Wilson, Martin, Blackford and Bonner spiced up the Cougs' early season meets. Wilson was the standout, pinning three of his opponents in his five winning matches. Blackford was also untouched, 5-0, for the day. Bonner, who mustered a win against Northern Idaho's regional champ, Mike Wood, pinned both Wood and Dave Drews of Mt. Hood. Tramal challenged and beat three of his four opponents, including Northern Idaho's 134-pound regional champ, John Floerschiner, 3-5. Martin was 4-1 for the day.

6, and Vane Dickey, the team lightweight, suffered the only loss, losing 3-5 to Dan Klein.

On Friday, the Cougs will have to tighten the belt up a

notch, when they face Lane Community College and Northern Idaho, the latter team being their toughest match to date.

Intramural news

During the winter months the intramural activities have moved indoors with both basketball and bowling available for the CCC sports enthusiasts.

The basketball season is already underway as the first games were held Tuesday afternoon. The Print squad lost a 51-39 decision to a quicker Hackett team while the team of David Long gained a five point decision, 67-62 over the Harlow five.

Thursday's action will see Vaught against Siri while the Brown team takes on the team from the Print.

Bowling entrepreneurs have a chance to show their skills as that program will begin to organize with all interested welcome to participate. There will be an organizational meeting today at 12 p.m. in CC 117. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact Loren Swivel at ext. 294 or at Randall 003.

Tenatively the time set for bowling matches is Wednesday evenings from 4 until 6:30 p.m. The first game will be free with a charge of sixty cents for each of the two additional games, shoes will be provided free of charge.

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