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Winner captures second at Worthington, Minn.

Cougar grappler Nathan Winner claimed the second place slot in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament held last weekend in Worthington, Minnesota.

Winner fell 11-5 by decision to Ignatio Garcia of Colby, Kansas, in the final round of action.

In the first round, Winner took a 10-3 decision over Scott Chipperfield of Northwest Wyoming and a 7-2 win over Mike Winter of Waukesha, Wisconsin. In his semi-final

round Winner pinned Perry Graehling of Lakeland, Ohio in 5:26 followed by an 8-3 decision over Rick Dorn of Willmar.

Winner finished the season with a 40-2 season record, what Coach Norm Berney said was "one of the best season records here." He was also the first Clackamas

wrestler to compete in a championship round since 1976.

"He put out a commendable effort," Berney said. "He did a really good job going out there with no previous ex-

perience and taking second place. He put up a full effort and worked hard this year."

Winner's teammate Mike Bolf who also competed in national competition lost a 12-3 decision to Ken Bennett of Forest Park, Missouri, in the opening round of action.

"Bolf got surprised and didn't wrestle to his ability," Berney said. "It was because of lack of experience, but he'll go back next year."

Overall Berney felt his men did "an adequate job."

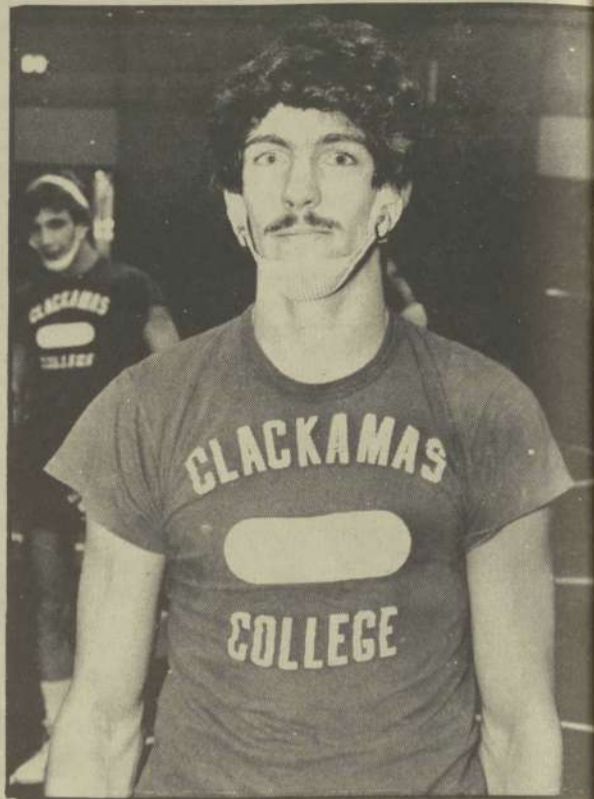


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NATIONALLY RANKED WRESTLER Nathan Winner arrived back home after placing second in the 142 lb. weight class at nationals held in Worthington, Minnesota.

Individual tracksters hopeful

Women's track coach Marilyn Wynia says that her team "won't finish strong in many meets because they're small," but she added, "We have individuals that will do well."

Wynia has three returning runners out this year including Loretta Elbert competing in sprints, Cyd McCormick at javelin and discus, and Debbie Simon running distance.

On the freshman list the Cougars have inherited Petra Johnson of Silverton High School running sprints and hurdles, Denise Wheatley of Oregon City at sprints and hurdles, Alice Hunger of Oregon City running distance and throwing javelin, Terri Kelly of Yoncalla throwing javelin, Brenda Reiner of LaSalle running distance, Brenda Rasch of Canby at the high jump and

Marie Freedman of Jackson running sprints.

"We have some good runners," said Wynia, "and some should qualify for regionals and nationals. Because it's the last year for national competition we're going to shoot for it," Wynia added, "We'll attempt to qualify as many individuals as we can."

"Your strength is in quality, not quantity," Wynia said.

Men's track sets national goal

Cougar men's assistant track coach Kelly Sullivan anticipates a good season for his men including a "good shot" at winning conference and regionals and potentially being in the top five at nationals.

Sullivan has several returning men as well as a number of freshmen who in combining their efforts could be tough to

beat. On the returning roster is Vance Blow running distance, Mark Barlow at intermediate hurdles, Jeff Johnson at sprints and relays, Daniel and Manuel West both running sprints and relays, Jay Rugg in the steeplechase, Jim Zumwalt running distance, Larry Pisick at sprints and short relays.

John Martin running sprints and Lynn Purdue taking on the distance courses.

The top freshmen out for the Cougar squad are Roger Barnhurst of Rainer High who was fourth in the nation last year at javelin, Kenny Velasquez who is currently a national qualifier in the 5,000 meter run, Tony Macey who was an All-American for the College running distance in cross country, John Anderson who was the state champion in the 400 meter last year and Steve Gogl at steeplechase. Other team members include Mike Horsch who is the "best shot-putter in the state," according to Sullivan, Mark Frickey of Estacada High at hurdles and jumps, Marcel Douglas who is a potential All-American in the decathlon and state champion from Nevada in the pole vault. Also new to the squad is Scott Anderson in the pole vault, Kevin MacDermott running distance, Alan Wymore running distance, Rod Eckert of Estacada High taking on intermediate hurdles, James Vaughn running sprints, and Monty Campbell.

"We're really strong on the track," said Sullivan. "We've got the best javelin thrower in the nation, we're strong in the pole vault and the shot and discus. It's looking pretty good," he said.



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TYPICAL OREGON WEATHER brought the baseball team indoors for practice. Here Jeff Haga practices his pitches.

Women's basketball awards

Most valuable--Cindi Johnston

Best Defensive--Denise Wheatley

Best Offensive--Cindi Johnston

Most Inspirational--Sharon Larson

Most Improved--Marie Freedman

**OCCAA Team--Cindi Johnston, first team
Denise Wheatley, second team**

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