

Matmen split win, loss over weekend

By Doug Vaughan
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A weekend of travel brought a win, a loss, and a beam of light from the tunnel to Regionals for the Clackamas Community College wrestling team as they were hosted by Big Bend Community College and North Idaho last Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Friday night the Cougars competed against a tough Big Bend team who they had previously beaten at the College Jan. 21. The outcome was again determined by the final match as Tim Sytsma controlled Steve Penrose for a Cougar victory with a 7-3 decision.

Saturday it was on to Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, to face the challenge of the season, North Idaho Community College. The Cougars were dominated by the nationally ranked college as Clackamas went down in defeat 36-11.

"They (North Idaho) have beat a lot of the top four-year schools," Coach Norm Berney explained. "They are in the top three on the West Coast and I do not think anybody would argue with me."

North Idaho will be the Cougars main competition at Regionals and a step in the direction of improvement was noticed by Berney as well as the opposing coach.

"Their coach talked to me on how we have improved," Berney said. "Hopefully we will be strong and ready to compete against them (at Regionals)."

The Cougars had disadvantages against Idaho, the team that handily beat the University of Oregon and Oregon State earlier this week. Dale Earlywine, Rick Hutchinson and Mike Bolf all wrestled in higher than normal weights, and Steve Peters and Tom Baker were both out of the Cougs' lineup.

Berney also stated that the Idaho-based school had

been competing since the beginning of fall term and they recruit nation-wide. The North Idaho grapplers have also had about twice as many matches as most of the Cougars.

"It is not to make excuses. It is just to know we have to buckle down and improve," Berney said. "Our goal now is to get a trophy at Regionals, and qualify as many wrestlers for nationals as possible."

"The whole thing will depend on how we compete. We have the bodies to do it," Berney explained.

One outstanding performance, Berney feels, came from Rick Hutchinson who wrestled up a weight but still captured a 12-3 triumph over a

three-time Montana State champion.

Also putting in an excellent performance for the Cougars was Dan Martin at 158 pounds as he tied a North Idaho wrestler who had previously lost just twice, both to four year schools.

A solid showing was also prevalent in Mike Bolf. Despite moving up a weight in Idaho, Bolf kept a clean record with a 9-3 and 17-4 decisions.

"Even though we did lose, we have a lot of good things that did happen," Berney said.

The Cougars will know who their toughest competition will be for the Regional tournament, Feb. 18-19, and they have their work cut out

for them to prepare for the showdown. Berney feels the Cougars have the physical aspect: it is just a matter of pulling the mental side together.

"We have some people who have some doubt in themselves. We are just going to have to pull everything together," Berney said. "We have had the toughest schedule in the College's history, so our meet record is misleading. We have to realize we are ready to compete at that (the Regional) level."

"We still haven't been cut down to weight so there are things we can do to improve ourselves," the coach said. "Regionals is a whole different season. This is what we work for the whole year--it is a chance of a lifetime."

Cougar women take two victories

By Rob Conner
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The Clackamas Community College women's basketball team swept a two game series from Vancouver

City College last weekend. The pair of victories upped the Cougars record to 18-6 while Vancouver dropped to 16-6.

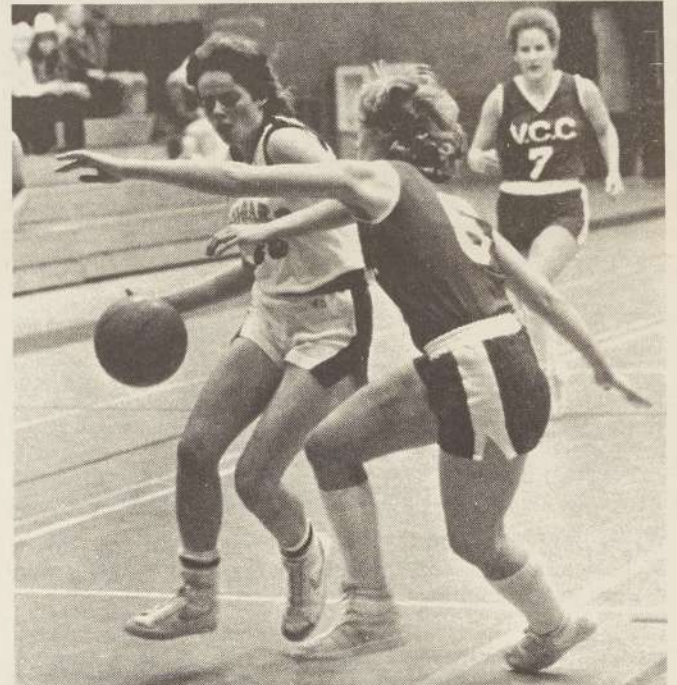
Kathy Strickler scored 21 points in each game to lead Clackamas to the 73-63, 64-53 respective wins. The decisions proved costly for the Cougs, however, as standout guard Denise Wheatley went down with a sprained ankle. Wheatley could be back in action in just a week.

Coach Phil Garver was quick to emphasize the all-around team ball the Cougars displayed. "We played excellent team ball and we got a lot of help off the bench," Garver stated. "We had three people in double figures in each game and a lot of people scored."

Sherry Bull, Sharon Larson, and Cyd McCormick combined for 24 points off the bench. Suzy Graham and Tami Arbin also received praise from Garver.

Jamie Hill scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds against the much taller Vancouver team. "Their front line was 6'1", 6'0", and 5'11". They were big and they were a really good team," Garver pointed out.

In the second game, Strickler's 21 was backed up by a balanced attack. Jamie Hill hit for 15 while Terry Kelly and Cyd McCormick added 10 each.



AROUND HER OPPONENT, Kathy Strickler, guard, attempts to go towards her basket during last Saturday's game against Vancouver City College.

Staff photo by Russ McMillen

Clackamas relied on a hot offensive performance to secure the win. The Cougars converted 28 of 56 field goal attempts while the Vancouver club could only manage 31 percent from the floor.

"Kathy Strickler's game is really coming along," Garver assessed. The 5'7" guard from Lake Oswego was successful in 10 of 16 attempts from the floor and added six steals and six assists.

Also receiving credit from Garver in the second game were Jamie Hill and Cyd McCormick. "Jamie was dominating on the full court press and Mary dominating on the boards," Garver stated.

"We really played well," Garver said of the weekend series. "As long as we keep that team aspect we will be in good shape for the play-offs."

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