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Dale Earlywine



Mike Bolf



Mike Martin



Dan Martin

Photos by Joel Miller

WRESTLERS TO NATIONALS-Clackamas Community College will be sending four wrestlers to the Nationals in Worthing, Minn.

Dale Earlywine and Mike Bolf were both Regional Champions, with Dan and Mike Martin each placing third. The wrestlers, along with Coach Norm Berney will leave Thursday morning for the three day tourna-

Tennis preview

Coach Buckley optimistic

By Rob Conner

Clackamas Tennis Coach Dave Buckley is anxiously awaiting the start of the season. With two returning lettermen and an outstanding group of new recruits Buckley's squad should definitely be a force to be dealt with.

Since Clackamas left the Oregon Community College Athletic Association, all the coaches have had to line up games with schools other than the area community colleges, Some people don't like the fact that Clackamas must compete with mainly four-year schools. "It doesn't bother me at all," Buckley said. Buckley said he had no problem lining up his schedule, "We have close to 20 matches, and that's about as many as you can have.'

Returning from last year's squad are Mike Wofford and Ben Campbell. Wofford, who earned All-OCCAA honors last year, played number-two singles and number-one doubles. "Mike is one of our better doubles players," Buckley stated. Campbell, last year's fifth man, has "improved as much as anybody possibly could," Buckley said. "He'll be right up there this year.

Heading the list of highly touted recruits are Byron Sullivan and John Storm. Sullivan, who sat out a year after playing at University of Oregon and at Lane Community College, is an academic sophomore. "Byron is really knowledgeable and has a lot of skills," Buckley said. Sullivan was an all-state performer at Lane and coached high school tennis last year in Grants Pass.

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John Storm, also a sophomore, hails from Salem. "John had a tremendous year at Chemeketa last year," Buckley stated. Storm went through the season undefeated until regionals.

Buckley also combed the local area and picked up many of the top incoming freshman. Bob Martin, from Lake Oswego, is just one of these blue-chippers. Martin was district champion in each of the last two years.

Former Oregon City High ace Tom Hercamp has also brought his talents to Clackamas. Hercamp went undefeated in league last year and took fourth at district.

Steve Groman, an Estacada standout, went to state last year in singles. "He's Steve Groman, got a lot of talent. I think he'll really help us out," Buckley said.

Yet another number one

high school recruit is Jim Markin formerly of Canby. Greg Mindt, from Lakeridge, played number three last year. First year player Kenny Heden could also be tough according to Buckley. 'He's very competitive, he'll be right in there and could easily make the top six. Exchange

student, Jose Naranjo, from South America has also caught the eye of Buckley, "He's a the eye of Buckley. "He's a good athlete and will definitely be a good player."

"We've got 11 guys now and that's a pretty good tur-nout," Buckley said. "Six guys play singles and we'll have three doubles teams,'

Buckley forsees some good inter-squad competition.

"It's going to be a battle. They are all so close, but that's good. The number-six man is just as important as the number-one man because they all get you points," he pointed out.

"I was really lucky. I think I got the best community college players in the state," Buckley stated. "The trip to California will give us the best competi-tion. This year we are going to go down there with the attitude that we can win. The league we will be playing is by far the toughest in California. I'm looking forward to a really good year," added the Cougar



TENNIS COACH, Dave Buckley foresees a brilliant season in '83.

Photo by Duanne Luckow

Portland boxing viable sport

Sports Commentary By Doug Vaughan

Boxing in Portland does get the credit that it deserves. On a night where the Marriott schedules a six-fight card with a double feature main event, the publicity is still shallow.

On the Feb. 3 card, the Marriott hosted a double man event with local favorites "Sweet Baby" James Manning in the first fight, and Freddie "The Preacherman" Multrie in the latter

On the 11 o'clock news the sports presentation dealt with a less than 30 second clip of Manning's fight and nothing on the letter of the double feature.

And only one local paper has ever done a write up worth reading on the Portland fighters. Occasionally, a brief summary will be done on all the fights in the main Portland paper, but that is only occasionally

What the media is failing to realize is that Portland boxing is on a severe upswing.

"We have some really good fighters coming up (in Portland)," Fred McNally, fight promoter for McNally Sports Attractions, said. "The fans have been fantastic too." have been fantastic, too.

Not only have the fighters and fans been on an upswing, but the whole concept of Portland boxing is following

along.
"In comparison with other probably large cities we are probably about the same," McNally said. 'We are a lot busier than most because we set up fights every month. You do not see that much except in cities like Las

Vegas or Atlantic City."

And there is a reason for the upswing, but only 1800 other people, and myself, who show up for the fights would know. To some, boxing seems ridiculous, but actually it is like

every contact sport.

The crowds fill the Marriott with excitement that can only generate more emotion from each spectator. As the contact in the fight gets severe the crowds enthusiasm rises.

The sport of boxing always seemed revolting to me. Hav ing two guys go out and fight continuously for 10 threeminute rounds was not what I thought of as sportsman or even fun.

But, my sense of appreciation for the sport grew from the first minute I was at the fights. The excitement is different than any other sport.

Boxing is more explosive and crowd-oriented than any other sport I have watched before. Boxing in Portland is a first class event and should be given the credit it deserves