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## Young grapplers come back to whip PLU 23-20

By Rob Conner  
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Norm Berney's wrestling squad started the new year out on a good note with what many in wrestling circles would call a major upset. Clackamas turned back Pacific Lutheran University 23-20 Wednesday in Tacoma.

"That was an upset to me. I knew we had the ability but I wasn't sure we were in good enough shape," Berney said.

Even more impressive is the fact that Berney had seven freshmen on the mats. Randy Barkhurst at 145 and Scott Ames at 193 were the only Cougars in their second year of competition.

Trailing 20-12 with two matches to go Berney needed a big match out of Ames because Bob Young was to receive a forfeit at heavyweight. Ames, who transferred in from the University of Oregon, did not disappoint as he throttled Keith Eager 21-3. "He won the match for us actually," Berney commented.

The Cougar coach felt that the match at 170 was a turning point for his squad. Trailing 3-2 after the first round Clackamas' Larry Joe Tanner recorded the team's only fall of the night at the 4:12 mark in the match. "He had come out of the first round behind. It gave us a real

uplift," Berney said.

After losing to Andy Somera in the state tournament last year 9-0, Clackamas' 121 pound Stacy Shum returned the favor by posting a 10-7 victory. The win gave Clackamas its only lead, 3-0.

The Cougars' next win didn't come until the 153 pound match which pitted Blaine Schutzler against PLU's Mark Phillips. Schutzler recorded two near falls as he commanded the match recording a 9-4 victory.

Berney was impressed with the effort of Brian Schutzler who was forced to move up two weight classes from 145 to 161. Schutzler did a "good job" in a 14-6 loss to PLU senior and former state champion Jeff Lipp.

Berney feels that conditioning is his team's greatest weakness. Poor conditioning throws timing, execution, and technique off, the coach feels. "Commitment and dedication is what the team needs," he said.

If the Cougar grapplers aren't in shape today, they had better be in shape by the time North Idaho gets in town. North Idaho was third as a team last year at the national tournament. They posted a 19-0 record last season and haven't been beaten in dual meet action since 1980. Grays Harbor Community College will also send a team.

### On the run

## Oregonian didn't give Seattle Seahawks justice

By Rob Conner  
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I don't remember the Portland Storm, of the long since defunct World Football League, ever winning the league's championship. In fact, I don't remember an Oregon football team ever doing much of anything. So there!

All the anti-Seahawk garb in the Oregonian on Monday morning seemed to have stemmed from a George Pasero editorial several weeks ago, in which he denounced the Seattle National Football League franchise as the Northwest's team.

All of this coming after an NFL '83 piece on the Seahawk faithful that fly down from Alaska for all Seattle home games. The Hawks were in the thick of the play-off battle but dropped to seven and seven that week.

With play-off hopes looking bleak, Pasero said something to the effect that the Seahawks aren't the Northwest's team (He would rather watch the Forty-Niners or one of the state's college "football" teams) and are going nowhere near the play-offs.

FACE!

Back to the point at hand, the way the Oregonian covered the game. It seemed that everyone was getting into the act, hopping aboard the Pasero-driven bandwagon.

Even Ken Wheeler, if you can believe it, got in a punch via his story entitled "Williams runs wild in 125-110 Sonic win." Wheeler's lead read "The Seattle Sonics, in a hurry to reclaim the sports stage the football Seahawks had just vacated, ripped the Portland Trail Blazers apart here Sunday night to romp a 125-110 win." (Yet another Seattle victory).

Oregonian staff writer Dwight Jaynes must have done some boxing in his day. I'm not sure of his weight but with the blows he relentlessly fired at the Seahawks he could

have knocked out Larry Holmes Monday morning.

"Raiders destroy Seahawks, march into Super Bowl!" read the six column 48 point bold headline. Jaynes launched a right hook that landed flush on the weary Seahawks' chin to start the second paragraph. "The Seahawks, right in the middle of the biggest moment in the team's history, just embarrassed themselves no end in a 30-14 loss to the Los Angeles Raiders."

Jaynes ended the fourth paragraph with a flurry of blows that rocked the Seattle team. "Thanks to Seattle's ineptitude, the Raiders got off three weeks (before the Super Bowl)," he wrote.

What is this?! Since its inception into the league the Seattle football team has served as a proverbial punching bag for journalists and football fans throughout the country. Ask anybody in the Miami area if the Seattle Seahawks are a push over. Hardly.

One question George. If the Forty-Niners are more the Northwest's team than the Seahawks, why weren't Dwight Jaynes and Steve Duin in Washington D.C. covering the Redskin-Forty-Niner game (which the Niners lost by the way)?

In my weekly (?) sports column "On the run" Wednesday, October 19 issue of The Print, when the Seahawks were 4-3, my headline read "Seahawks for real in '83." Seattle was 11-7 in 1983, I didn't say anything about 1984. Contrary to popular opinion in Oregon, the Seattle Seahawks were for real in 1983.

A far cry from football in Oregon, where the Portland Steelheaders are the best team around. To quote the "Big Daddy," football in Oregon is "what a fat boy otta have for lunch."

George, watch what you say about the Mariners, the only chance for "big league" baseball in Oregon is if somebody throws together a World Baseball League. Ha!

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