

Sports

North Idaho streaks past region competition Seven Clackamas grapplers make national cut

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The results of the region 18 wrestling tournament weren't surprising, North Idaho first, Clackamas second—again.

North Idaho tallied 118½, far ahead of Clackamas' 64½. Rick's at 38½, Big Bend at 32, and South Western Oregon Community College's 29½, were all well back of the runner-up Cougar team.

"I felt pretty good about it," Coach Norm Berney said. "Especially since we didn't have one guy with us. Quite a few of our kids had the flu."

The North Idaho dominated the competition as they

qualified all ten of their wrestlers for the national tournament, to be held Mar. 1-3 in Chicago. Berney was quick to point out that the Idaho team represented 20 state high school wrestling titles among its ten competitors.

Clackamas came home with two regional champions, 177-weight Dave Duncan and heavyweight Robert Young.

Duncan avenged an earlier score as he stopped Roy Ozser of North Idaho. Duncan's only loss to a junior college athlete came at the hands of Ozser earlier in the season. The sophomore transfer from Gray's Harbour was not to be denied in the title match as he won a 7-4 decision.

Young had things a little easier, recording an 11-3 victory over Big Bend's Randy Penrose. Young has yet to be beaten by another junior college wrestler. "He's wrestling real well. If Robert wrestles up to his ability he should be in the top eight (at nationals)," Berney said.

Scott Ames, one of the flu victims, suffered his first junior college loss of the season in the title match. The 190-pound sophomore was the heavy favorite in his class. North Idaho's Carlton Pease turned back Ames for the first time in their five meetings.

Clackamas' other four grapplers that qualified for nationals all lost to North Idaho opponents. John Wachsmith

at 126, Randy Barkhurst at 142, Blain Schutzler at 150, and Larry Jo Tanner at 158, were all runners up.

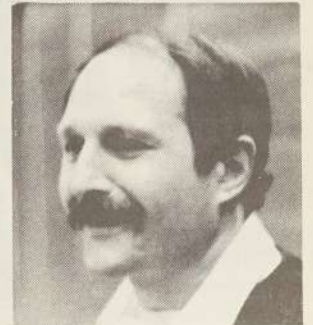
"Our problem was, except for Dave and Robert, in the final we let down a bit on Saturday. The other thing that has to be taken into account is that North Idaho has beaten everyone else too," Berney said.

Berney and the wrestlers have earned roughly \$3,400 through cutting wood, bread sales, wrestling tournaments and concessions, which should just about finance the trip to nationals.

"I think the way we earned our money, it should give us some desire and let people know we aren't back there on

a vacation," Berney said.

The Cougar mentor looks at his team's chances realistically and optimistically. "We should put some points on the board. We are still a long-shot, but funny things can happen at a national meet," he said.



Norm Berney

Garver blasts Print, women sweep four

Women's basketball coach Phil Garver is pleased with the way his women have been playing lately.

The only problem Garver sees is that the press is not giving enough praise for his squad's efforts. "Where are you going to put us, in the variety section?" Garver asked.

The women have won four in a row, including their most recent effort, an eight-point victory over Warner Pacific.

One big reason for the four-game winning streak is the recent play of Carol Hashberger. "She is improving each game. She's just playing really good basketball," Garver said on a more serious side.

Hashberger totalled 14 rebounds and 12 points in the Warner Pacific game.

Sophomore guard Sherri Bull has also played an in-

strumental role in the recent turn-around. "She had a really good game," Garver said. "She is starting to take control as a floor leader."

The key element has been a tenacious full-court defense that has kept opponents at bay recently. "Our 1-3-1 press is really coming through," Garver said.

"We are looking forward to this weekend," the coach said. Clackamas hosts Capilano College, Canada's top-rated junior college, for a weekend series. Saturday's contest will be played at Gardner Junior high school and Sunday's contest will be played in the Randall Gym at 12:00 noon.

"Vancouver (Community College) has beat them (Capilano) twice, and we split with them (Vancouver). It's going to be a really tough game for us," Garver said.



JUMP BALL—Brenda Merkley No. 15 is out-jumped by her Vancouver Community College counterpart. Clackamas has won four straight games down the stretch run. Next action for the Cougar women is Wednesday versus the Western Oregon J.V.'s. Capilano College travels in from Canada for a weekend series.



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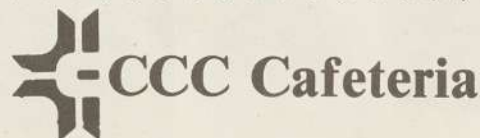
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