

Cagers fall short of championship games

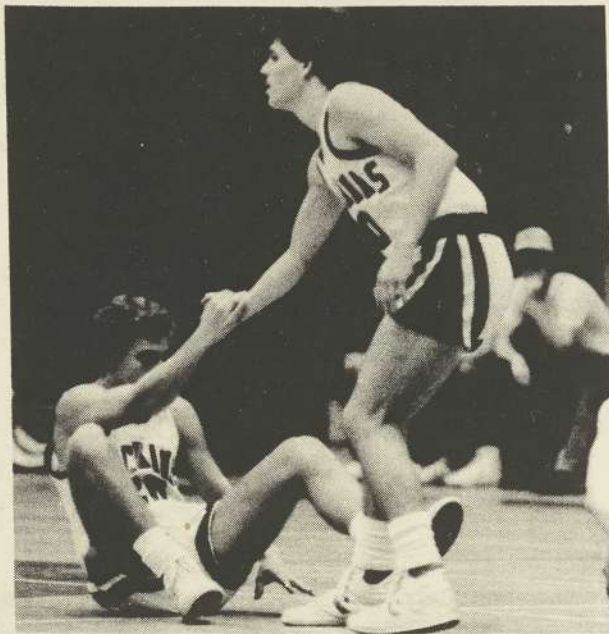
By Julie Miller
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Last Sunday, Clackamas' men's basketball team suffered a devastating loss to Walla Walla Community College. The Cougars were in a do or die situation for the state tournament. Since they lost, they are now finished with their season.

Coach Royce Kiser said they suffered a hard loss. "Walla Walla is a good team. We shot 50 percent from the field, we tied them on rebounds, we had less turnovers than they, but they won. Our defense down low wasn't very good and I think they got a little lucky on outside shots, but that is what hurt us. That was the difference."

Kiser said he wanted to shut down Walla Walla's leading scorer, which they did. "Our game plan worked. We held their leading scorer to six points, but they had a point guard that made 18 points and another high scorer made 11 points," he said.

In the beginning of the game Clackamas was out on top by as much as eight points, but seemed to lose it as Walla Walla got hot. Walla Walla brought the score closer and



NICE 'N' EASY: Steve Hanson (left photo) goes up for a one-handed jump shot. Doug Coffman (above photo) helps teammate Jerry Olson back to his feet.

Photos by Daniel Wheeler

shot by Doug Coffman failed to reach its goal at the end of the game.

"We could have beat them. But, if a team comes in and beats you on your home court, they must be good. They beat

us toward the last of the first half and the start of the second half. That is what cost us the game," Kiser said.

Coach Kiser said even though they lost he had to be positive about the game. "The

guys worked hard this year. They are one of the best teams we have had. Several guys played great offensive games, like Doug Coffman, Terry Newton and Terry Frison. They had great offensive games.

"Because Walla Walla keyed on shutting off Jeff Richards, they just made Terry Newton wide open and he was hot. He did a great job. Tom Bolt also did a great job when he went in until he got hurt. He bruised his chin badly. I think that probably one of the outstanding players of the game had to be Doug Coffman. He had 10 assists and he and the other guards did a great job getting the ball to the inside post men like Terry Frison," he added.

Now Kiser looks toward next year's team. "If all of those kids return next year, with a little recruiting, we will have a terrific team. You really need sophomores returning to make your program, because every one of them has great talent. I think we'd be a very solid team next year. Over all, this year we had a very competitive, gutsy team, probably one of the best this College has seen in a long time," he said.

Cougars send five to national tourney

By Rodney Fobert
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A score of 69 1/4 put Clackamas Community College's wrestling team in second place out of six teams at the Region 18 Tournament held at North Idaho College Feb. 15-16. North Idaho placed first with 133 points.

Based on their individual merit at the tournament, five Cougar grapplers will be attending the National Junior College and Community College Athletic Association (NJCC-CAA) national Tourney to compete with the other first and second place qualifiers of each weight class from the Region 18 Tournament. The national tourney will be held March 1-2.

Mannen became the first-place qualifier in the 134-pound weight class after beating North Idaho's Jeff Semrad in his final match.

Killian was the second place qualifier in the 118-pound weight class. He lost his first match with the eventual first place qualifier, Mark Warken of North Idaho, but came back strong to get the second place position.

In the 126-pound weight class, Wachsmuth also took the second place qualifying position. Wachsmuth lost his final match against first-place qualifier Tory McCully of North Idaho to get the position.

McKinnis earned the second place qualifying position after



STAYING ON TOP is Cougar heavyweight wrestler Robert Young. Young, along with four other Clackamas wrestlers qualified for the National tournament in Illinois.

losing to first place qualifier Kevin Frame of North Idaho, and later winning in a match against the winner of the consolation bracket, Alan Roitsch

of Colorado Northwest College.

Heavyweight Young lost a very close match for the first-

place position against North Idaho's Wade Stover by a score of 4-3 to also take the second place qualifying position.

