## Sports

## Lady Cagers struggle at championship games

By Rodney Fobert Of The Print

The Clackamas Community College women's basketball team lost two close games against Skagit Valley 78-74 and Wenatchee Valley 54-53 at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championship tournament.

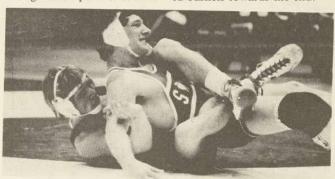
The Cougars, champions of the Oregon league, went into the tournament with a 24-2 season record.

The Cougar's first game of the tournament was against Skagit Valley. The height of the Skagit Valley team proved to be a dominating factor of the game, as Clackamas found themselves getting outrebounded by them.

The Cougars also suffered a below normal shooting average of 39 percent in their

opening game of the tourna-ment. Head Coach Phil Garver said the three week break between the end of the season and the championships was detrimental to the team. "We're used to playing three games a week," Garver said adding, "That three week break just killed us." He described the Cougar's performance in the first game as, "lacking that game intensity." Joanne Ineman led the team in scoring with 39 points but the Cougars lacked the heighth needed to stop the Skagit Valley team from dominating the boards.

The Cougars played Wenatchee Valley for their second game of the Championship tournament. The Cougars led by as much as 6 points throughout the game but then failed to sink some much needed baskets towards the end.



TAKING CONTROL--Cougar wrestler Chuck Calhoun (bottom) gets a tight hold on his opponent.

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TIME OUT--Head Coach Phil Garver (kneeling) and Assistant Coach Dan Slick give the

team some words of encouragement during a break in the action. Photo by Daniel Wheeler

Once again the Cougars were not up to their usual level of scoring or rebounding during the second game of the tournament. Ineman was the

teams leading scorer with 26 points. They were unable to stay ahead of the Wenatchee Valley team at the end, however, resulting in a 54-53

The Cougars did not go unnoticed in the Championships, however, as Joanne Ineman and Sue Canoy were voted to first team all region positions.

The Championship was won by Green River Community College who beat Spokane in the final game for the top

Despite a bit of bad luck at the NWAACC tournament, Coach Garver was especially pleased with this years team. "The girls worked well together," Garver said of the team, adding, "It's been a

## Grapplers compete at national tourney

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Five Clackamas wrestlers competed in the National Junior College and Community College Athletic Associa-tion (NJCCAA) National tournament on March 1-2 in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

The Cougar wrestlers who competed at Nationals were Ed Killian, John Wachsmuth, Tom Mannen, Frank McKinnis, and Robert Young. They qualified for the tournament by placing in the top 2 at the Region 18 tournament. Tom Mannen was the only Clackamas wrestler to qualify for the Nationals with a first place finish in the Regional tournament which was held Feb. 15-16.

At the Nationals, the Cougars were up against the top wrestlers in the country. According to Head Coach Norm Berney, the Clackamas wrestlers got a bit 'starstruck' at the big nationwide meet and didn't wrestle up to their full potential.

Mannen placed seventh in the 134-pound weight class of the tournament after being pinned by Jeff Semrad of North Idaho College. Mannen was ahead late into the match, but then got caught offguard by his opponent and he was pinned.

At heavyweight, Young was narrowly beaten by Thomas of Arizona Western College for a chance at the seventh place finish.

Wachsmuth won his first match of the tournament against Mark Neu of Willman College by a score of 9-1. He then, however, lost his next two matches and was eliminated from competition.

Killian and McKinnis were both eliminated from competition early in the tournament.

Coach Berney said that this has been a positive season for the Cougar wrestlers. He is looking forward to having a successful season once again next year with 12 returning wrestlers.



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