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Wrestlers prepare for 1976-77 season

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Clackamas Community College Wrestling coach Norm Berney feels very optimistic about the coming season.

"Barring extensive injuries and eligibility problems, our 1976 team should be as tough or tougher than last year's team," said Berney.

According to Coach Berney, the biggest asset that the 1976 team will have is depth. This year's turnout of 35 is almost twice the number that turned out last year and will tend to give the team a bit more security.

There are 12 returning wrestlers who were on last year's team, including two who wrestled in the national finals. Berney feels very optimistic about the new faces that have been recruited from the local area, including two walk-ons, who if they can get past their eligibility problems, will definitely be a big asset to the team.

Still, the 1976 team will have to be pretty tough to beat last year's team. State champions for the seventh time, the 1976 team finished second to North Idaho, the No. 1 team in the nation, in Regionals.

In the process CCC qualified six wrestlers for the Nationals, including three champions.

In the Nationals, Clackamas took an impressive twelfth place out of the 500 junior colleges that took part. One of the major factors in their finish was the national championship performance of John Olson at 118 pounds.

However, the 1976 team does not include John Olson and his fellow champs, Vern Bush and John Jenkins. Coach Berney feels strongly that he can more than adequately fill their shoes.

Two of the reasons for Berney's optimism are Jeff Harmon and Tom Ziegler, who both have the knowledge of what it's like to wrestle in the Nationals.

Jeff Harmon, a 190-pounder from The Dalles High School, is a former AAA state champ. For Clackamas, he finished second in state competition, which qualified him for Regionals. He finished third in Regionals and went on from there to participate in the Nationals. A fine competitor at either 177 or 190, Harmon is a very important part of the success of the Clackamas wrestling team.

Tom Ziegler, a 126-pounder out of Rex Putnam, is also a former AAA state champion. In 1974, he was the Canadian Greco-Roman Champion. For Clackamas, he finished third in Regionals and went on to participate in the Nationals. A fine com-

petitor, many feel that Ziegler is one of the finest wrestlers in the nation.

Also returning this year is Scott McLaren, a 177-pounder out of Rex Putnam. In the state school Scott finished third in the Greco and fifth in the state in the freestyle. An outstanding pinner, McLaren should be one of the top contenders in the state this year.

Others returning this year include Steve Schwehn, Bill Davey, and Rich Harmon. Schwehn, a 118-pounder out of La Grange High School, is a former state champion who held a 22 and 3 mark his senior year. For Clackamas, Schwehn's desire is to win him a fine collegiate wrestler.

Also returning this year include Steve Roehl, a 190-pounder from Tillamook High School, who compiled a 34 and 1 mark senior year; and Brent Duval, a heavyweight out of Milwaukie High School, who finished fourth in state high school competition.

Others include Keith Ohta, a 118-pounder out of Molalla High School, who finished first in both freestyle and Greco championships, and finished fourth in state competition.

Rounding out the returnees are Phil Zan, a 142-pounder from Rex Putnam; Sigler, 158-pounder out of St. Helens School; and Wayne Snoderly, a 167-pounder out of Wilson High School, who was state in football, wrestling and basketball.

As for the competition this year, Berney describes it as being "loaded".

It looks like an uphill battle for the Cougars all the way. But as coach Berney says, "We're going to be as tough or tougher than last year's team" so they will, in all likelihood, reign again as state champions.

Their first meet is a Wrestle-Off on Saturday, Nov. 21. Their first dual is against the University of Oregon on November 28.

Kickers split tilts; one game left

The Clackamas Community College soccer team split a pair of away games last week beating Concordia 2-1 Tuesday, Nov. 9, but losing to Reed 2-0 under the lights of Portland Civic Stadium Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Volleyballers win

The women's volleyball team won all of their matches last week and finished league play with a record of 8-2.

In a tri-dual match held at Clark Community College in Vancouver, Washington the women beat Umpqua by a score of 15-13 and 15-11. They also defeated Clark by a score of 15-12 and 15-11.

The women's volleyball team then played George Fox College at home and won that match 15-7 and 15-11.

Their final regular season matches were held at Central Oregon College where they defeated Pacific University (15-5 and 15-12) and Central Oregon (15-7 and 15-8).

The team plays next in the AIAW tournament. If the women can place in this meet they will journey to San Diego to take part in more tournament action.

Gridders drop

The Cougar football team finished their season with a disappointing loss to Treasure Valley in last Saturday's game with a final score of 10-20.

"We were flat. We shouldn't have lost," said Cougar head coach Dale McGriff after the Treasure Valley loss.

The loss left Clackamas with a 5-5 record for the season (5-4 in the NWAACC), which ties the 1973 mark as the second best in Cougar history.

Against Concordia, Clackamas was in a hole early as the opposing scored quickly. But CCC came back later in the first half scoring on a low, hard drive from the left edge of the penalty area leaving the score tied 1-1 at the half.

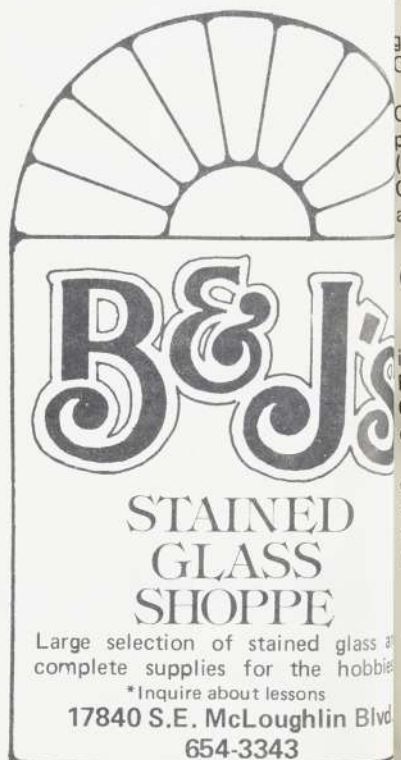
Late in the second half, just as the game's outcome seemed fated for a tie, Clackamas scored again from almost exactly the same place on the field as their first goal.

Throughout the game, CCC had many chances to score as almost constant pressure on Concordia's defense created many prime openings. But "Lady Luck" seemed to be ignoring the Cougars as shot after shot either missed, or hit one of the goal posts, or went in only to be nullified by a foul or offsides. Luckily for Clackamas, things went right on two occasions and they added another win to the season's campaign.

On the rug at Civic Stadium against Reed, CCC played a good game against an excellent defensive team. Scoring opportunities were few and far between for the Cougars, but the defense managed to contain Reed offense that sputtered and wavered but did get one goal each half close in front of the Clackamas net.

Reed had a fine group of defensemen and midfielders, but their offense wasn't too accurate in shooting at the Cougar net. Because of Reed's control of the midfield, they were in possession of the ball a majority of the time. Thus, CCC didn't have much of a chance to score, being forced to play almost constant defense.

With one game left to play in the season, CCC has a respectable record of 3-5-1 for only the second year of interscholastic soccer competition.



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