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Grapplers anticipate successes

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orm Berney, Clackamas wrestling coach, and strangely optimistic returning from Christmas vacation in which his team virtually no action.

Despite our most recent problems, I still really looking forward to the rest of season," Berney said.

feel that if we really buckle down, there should be no reason in the world that we can't accomplish our original goal and become national champs," he said.

The problems he spoke of include a very bad injury to their number one man, Bruton.

Another problem facing the wrestling team has been the cancellation of the team's long-awaited trip to California due to lack of finances.

There have also been the losses of Phil and Glen Hartmen. Result -- a switch in weight classes and several wrestle-offs. Until, Coach Berney still sees a ray of light ahead.

"The loss of Bruton has been very damaging, but I feel that the return of Steve Morris and Joe Davis, undefeated before his injury, will in some way compensate for that," said Berney.

Morris, a 142 or 150-pound sophomore, was the champion at Grays Harbor and as a freshman made the varsity at Portland State by defeating Mike Mathies. Additional help will also come from Mark Wilson, a 260 pound heavyweight.

There has also been an invitation to wrestle in the nearby Mt. Hood CC tournament this weekend, which includes Green River, Umpqua and the host team, Mt. Hood.

This tournament is a very critical one. It will determine the seatings for the upcoming regional tournament.

"We still have our own tournament on Jan. 22 which is the largest junior college tournament in the Northwest this season. It includes such teams as the University of Oregon, Oregon State and North Idaho," said Berney.

Looking back on the season, Berney said, "I'm proud of the way our team has held

together. We started the season with the goal of becoming national champions and considering that we have had to face the toughest schedule ever thrown at us, I feel that we've come a long way towards achieving that goal.

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CCC boasts wins in Hawaii

An action-packed event can be anticipated by those fans of Clackamas Community College's basketball team who are going to attend this Friday night's game at 8:30 p.m. The Cougars will be hosting the Timberwolves of Blue Mountain College in Pendleton, Ore.

In recent basketball action over the holidays, the CCC squad took advantage of an opportunity to represent Clackamas Community College in Hawaii.

Even though the team had a difficult time getting there, (they were forced to fly to Seattle because of a fogged-in Portland airport), they proved to be much more competitive than all three of the teams they played against. They were there for four days during the tournament and according to Coach Tirrill, all had a good time. In their first game Saturday night, the Cougars played against the Chaminade College J.V.'s, the Swords. The Hawaiian team played no match for CCC and the Cougars defeated them 118-83 breaking a school record of 108 total game points against Umpqua in 1970. Nine out of the 10

Cougars who played scored over 10 points each. Dan Bauer and Rick McGowan led the scoring with 18 points each.

In Sunday's basketball event against Hawaii Pacific College, the Cougars came from behind at halftime to win 95-78.

The Cougar's final winning game came against the Pearl Harbor Marines, with a final score of 95-79. High scorers for this game were Jim Coffman (21 points), Frank Gibson (20 points), John VanAcker (16 points) and again, Rick McGowan with 15 points.

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