

Wrestlers down Umpqua, Mt. Hood

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Clackamas Community College wrestling team moved one step closer to achieving their goal of being national champions last Saturday as they defeated opponents from Umpqua and Mt. Hood in dual meets.

Umpqua, a team who starts five former state champions, seemed to be caught off guard as they were literally smothered by the Cougar matmen, 46-5.

Mt. Hood, on the other hand, simply couldn't get going as they lost to the Cougars, 26-13.

The meets were highlighted by performances by Paul Schwehn, Ken Lumsden, Tom Ziegler, Steve Morris, and Rich Holliman, all who were double winners for Clackamas.

Schwehn, a 1975 graduate of Lakeridge High School, put in the match of his career as he defeated former AAA state champion from Sweet Home High School, Bill Anderson, 13-10.

In a real battle, Schwehn and Anderson wrestled to a 10-10 tie until late in the final round. With 20 seconds left, Schwehn turned Anderson for the win.

Anderson had entered the bout with Schwehn undefeated on the season, with pins in eight of nine matches.

As a result of his effort, Schwehn was voted this week's Tri-City Athlete of the Week by the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier.

Lumsden, wrestling at 126, won two key matches as he pinned Umpqua's Steve Fosback in 3:23 and earned a fall over Mt. Hood's J. Akgi in 4:00.

Among Ziegler's wins (14-3) was a 9-3 decision over Scott Hogge, Umpqua. Hogge, while wrestling for Reedsport High School, was a former triple crown winner in 1971.

Ziegler also pinned K. Wilson, Mt. Hood, in 3:45.

Steve Morris, kept his undefeated season (9-0) intact as he gained a decision (4-1) over Kirk Whitehurst, Umpqua, and a 5-2 decision over Mike Ward, Mt. Hood.

Holliman, a wrestler who has really come into his own this season (11-4) in the heavy-weight position, was a winner over former state champion out of Washington, Dave Bartkowski, 4-3. He also won by forfeit.

With the losses of almost sure national, or in the very least, state champions Mike Bruton and Glen Hartmen, "The only way that our team will finish well nationally is if we really buckle down and go out each night and get the job done," said coach Norm Berney.

Looking ahead to the remainder of the season, the Cougars face the same Umpqua team in the team's first home match of the season Friday night.

According to Coach Berney, "We'll really have to wrestle heads up tonight in order to win because of that tremendous revenge factor."

For the Cougars, the match next Friday carries much the same feeling as they face Grays Harbor who was the only team to beat the Cougars last year in league play.

However, the very next day could very well determine the future of the Clackamas Cougars for the 1977 season.

On Jan. 22 Clackamas hosts the largest tournament in the Northwest this season. Fifteen teams, 200 wrestlers, including 30 state champs, could determine how well Clackamas will place in national rankings.

The tournament is also important because of the type of competition presented.

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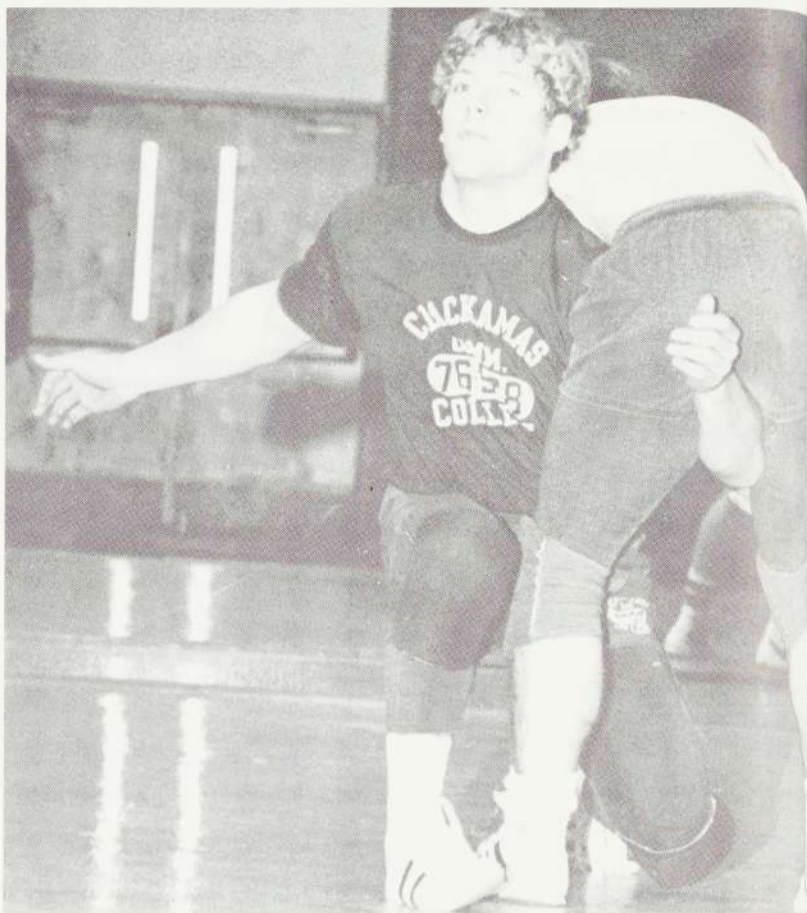


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CCC wrestler Michael Voge practices his single-leg take-down on Wayne Smith in preparation for the Cougars' next two home meets. The grapplers host Grays Harbor tomorrow and Saturday, Jan. 22 CCC is holding an invitational meet with 11 teams expected to compete.

Defending league champions Columbia Basin will be there. The Basin team gave up only four points to the No. 1 nationally ranked team, North Idaho in their last encounter. Oregon State's J.V. team, Oregon's J.V.'s, the University of Portland, and all the teams from CCC's league plus six out of seven schools from a Washington conference will also attend.

"I feel that we have a real good shot at winning that tournament if we wrestle up to our ability," said Berney. A very interesting fact was uncovered after the Cougars' victory over the University of Oregon: the Cougars had just won their 100th victory and now own a 103-23 record, the best in the state of Oregon. The Cougars' record so far this season is 4-0.

Bowlers defeated

Clackamas Community College men's and women's bowling team suffered shutout defeats at the hands of Lower Columbia College last week in Longview, Wash.

The Lower Columbia bowlers turned in consistent scores. They swept all three games and the overall series for a 4-0 victory in both divisions.

The Clackamas women were led by Loretta Marshall's 389 series and high game of 153. Marshall's series was well under her best, however, as she scored a 467 series earlier this year.

Paul Byers and Greg Monte paced the Cougar men's team with 498 and 467 series, respectively. Dave Flatau rolled his best score of the year -- a 443.

Despite the efforts, the Clackamas bowlers were unable to garner a point as they were outclassed by the stronger lower Columbia team. One Lower Columbia competitor had an outstanding series score of 629 and a high game score of 258.

Hoopsters win

Clackamas Community College basketball team gained two more wins the past week as they continue their quest for the Oregon Community College Association crown.

Their first win came against the Clackamas University J.V.'s in Salem. The Cougars kept an early lead throughout the game (34-24) in halftime to win with a score of 87-80.


Chuck Sampson and Rick McGowan led the Cougar scoring attack with 17 apiece. McGowan nabbed eight rebounds making him the high rebounder in the game.

In their match against Judson College, played here at Randall Gymnasium Friday evening, the Cougars were victorious as they downed Judson (120-70) setting a new school record for total points. The school record was just recently set by Judson against Chemeketa (118 total points).

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