

Cougars wrestle to tourney victory

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Clackamas Community College wrestlers were awesome last weekend as they completely dominated the Clackamas Invitational Tournament, considered the most critical stretch in the Cougars' quest for the national championship. Cougar wrestlers ran away from a strong, 15-team field in the Randall gym last Saturday night.

During the week of Jan. 14 to 22, the Cougars wrestled in four dual meets, winning all four, as they outscored their opponents by an incredible 147-41.

The week was highlighted by individual performances by Steve Morris, Paul Schwehn, Tom Ziegler, Ken Lumsden, Wayne Snoderly, Joe Davis and Rich Holliman.

Morris, the Cougars' number one man at 150, showed why many consider him to be one of the top wrestlers in the nation. He compiled some impressive and crucial victories en route to a (6-0) mark for the week.

Schwehn, Clackamas' 118-pounder, set the tune for the Cougars' rout over Umpqua a week ago last Friday. He pinned Bill Anderson that he had beaten only a week before by a score of 13 to 10.

Ziegler, Clackamas' 134-pound wrestler, was a winner during the week as he wrestled to an 8-0 mark, which included two superior decisions and two pins.

Ken Lumsden, Clackamas' 126-pounder, had a tough week as he compiled a 4 and 2 including one pin.

Davis, Clackamas' 177-pounder, showed that he had no ill effects from an injury which sidelined him for a portion of the season. He won all six matches that he entered. In the finals in the invitational, he wrestled George Holland from Grays Harbor.

Holliman, Clackamas' super heavyweight, put in one of the best performances of the year against Grays Harbor last Friday night.

Trailing most of the match against Bill Napiontek, Holliman gutted out a reversal and a three-point near fall with just four seconds remaining to win, 14-11.

Holliman also put in a fine tournament as he took third place by beating Clarence Wilson, Bower Mat Club, 6-2.

It was a team effort throughout the week as the Cougars took charge against some of the toughest opponents in the Northwest.

Umpqua, considered to be one of the toughest community colleges in the North-

west, simply could not mount a challenge as the fired up Cougars but two matches for a 42 to 9 rout.

The following evening against Chemeketa the Cougars won all but one match, routing the Salem school, 48 to 3.

Jan. 19, the Cougars barely got Multnomah Athletic Club, 24-20, in freestyle dual meet.

Next came Grays Harbor last night, the only team to beat the Cougars last year in dual competition and one of the strongest community colleges in the Northwest.

The Cougars blasted the Washouli school by the widest margin in the school's history, 33-9.

Led by Steve Morris and Rich Holliman, the Cougars dominated the meet winning all but two matches.

Then came the Annual Clackamas Invitational last Saturday. The tournament featured 16 of the toughest schools in the Northwest such as Columbia Basin Community College, last year's champion and near-loser to the Cougars; Idaho, the number one school in the Northwest; Grays Harbor; University of Oregon; and most of the schools in our conference, the league and the Washington conference.

"We're really going to have to work our heads in order to even have a shot at a championship," said Cougar Coach Mike Berney.

However, the week's pattern changed very little as the Cougars literally ran away with the tournament by compiling a score of 82½, almost 30 more points than the runner-up, Grays Harbor, with 55.

So complete was the domination of the Cougars won fourth place or higher in seven of the 10 weight classes. They had five wrestlers make the championship team with three winners.

"It was a great overall team effort," said Coach Berney.

The tournament was highlighted by the appearance of Larry Owings, former NCAA champion and the only man to ever win an Olympic champion Dan Gable. Owings presented the trophies at the meet.

Next competition will be against Southwestern Oregon Community College on Friday. On Saturday, the Cougars battle against Umpqua. Both are away meets. The Cougars face North Idaho Feb. 5.

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ACU-I tournament nears finals

The game room in Clackamas Community College's community center was full of activity this past week as the Association of College Union-International (ACU-I) tournament got under way.

Foosball and pool highlight the interest for the tournament. Eight doubles teams are competing in foosball and over 35 men are signed up in the pool competition. Other individuals are participating in chess and bowling.

Both the foosball and pool competition are double elimination tournaments. The winner of the pool tournament will receive

a trophy with certificates going to the top three players.

Larry Freeman, who ran away with the pool tournament held earlier this year, did not sign up for competition. With the absence of Freeman, the tournament is up for grabs, with Steve Haatia and Dave Wall as favorites. Haatia and Wall finished second and third respectively in the earlier tournament.

All competition will be completed by the first week in February and the regional tournament in Eugene will open competition the following week.

Teams slate wins

With their wins over Oregon Community College Athletic Association (OCCAA) foes Judson Baptist, and Umpqua Community College last Saturday, Jan. 15, and Friday, Jan. 21, the Clackamas Community College men's basketball team boosted their hopes for a conference title.

The Cougars fared well against two of their toughest foes in the league and came back in the second half of the game to beat Umpqua Community College after being down by four at the half. Southwestern Community College barely edged by the CCC team by two points when the two clashed Saturday, Jan. 22.

Clackamas Community College women roundballers nabbed two more wins during the past week of play.

In their first home game of the season, played Tuesday, Jan. 18, the CCC gals used quick rebounding and aggressive defense to down George Fox College, 64-38.

The Cougar gals' second win was accomplished against Pacific University last Thursday, Jan. 20, in Forest Grove with a score of 44-38.

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