

Fencing: quick decisions, reflexes

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A few students at Clackamas Community College are taking advantage of skills they acquired in their physical education class. Richard Ramsby leads a list of four students that have taken a fencing class at Clackamas and are now competing in tournaments around the area.

Ramsby, George Henderson, Maureen Kearney and Donna Owens all competed in a tournament Saturday, Jan. 22, at Westside School in Hood River. Ramsby and Owens both captured first place and Henderson and Kearney placed fourth and fifth respectively.

The Clackamas competitors started the sport this year, as they became interested in fencing because of the class offered through the physical education department. Ramsby is the only Clackamas student who has competed for over three months. This places him in the intermediate level.

"Fencing is a great deal more complicated than it appears," Ramsby said. "There are at least ten different defensive moves."

The Clackamas students have picked up the sport quickly. Ramsby commented that fencing takes quick reflexes and quick decisions and all three of the other fencers have done extremely well.

Scoring is done either electronically or manually and the only scoring area of the body is the torso. Ramsby's competition was scored electronically while Owens, Kearney and Henderson were scored manually.

"It is extremely difficult to score manually because it takes at least three people," Ramsby said. "There has to be a judge in back of each competitor and one on the side."

Fencing is an intricate sport and also an extremely courteous sport. Ramsby said that the goal of each competitor is to always be a gentleman during the five-minute matches.

"A person is not to say anything during a match and it goes to such extremes that if something is wrong with equipment or whatever, two taps of the foot tells the judge to stop the match," Ramsby said.

Fencing has picked up in interest in the wake of the movies, "The Three and Four Musketeers." Ramsby said the movies are great fun to watch and create excitement for the sport.

Ramsby is looking into the possibilities of forming a fencing club. This would generate a little bit of money to inable interested participants to compete. If anyone is interested in fencing, they should contact Gladys Michael in the athletic department.



Richard Ramsby
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Wrestlers remain undefeated

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The nationally fourteenth-ranked Clackamas wrestlers kept their undefeated (9-0) dual meet record intact over the weekend as they downed Southwestern Oregon Community College and Umpqua Community College.

Against SWOCC on Friday night, the Cougars earned three superior decisions while losing only one match in routing the southern Oregon school, 39-3.

The following evening the situation was virtually the same as the Cougars won every match beating Umpqua, 40-0.

The meets were highlighted by individual efforts from Ton Ziegler, Phil Zerzan, Don Zellner, Paul Schwehn, Ken Lumsden, Steve Morris and Wayne Snoderly.

Ziegler, the Cougars' leading winner (23-3) set the tune for the rout of SWOCC when he beat Ken Enoch, a former state champion out of Crater High School, 15-0. Ziegler also pinned Scott Hogg, Umpqua.

Zerzan, out most of the year with a knee injury, surprised everybody when he defeated SWOCC's Dave Woods, 23-3. Zerzan had been serving as the team's manager.

Zellner, missing from action for two weeks, showed that he hasn't lost his state championship form when he won a superior decision over Terry Russell, SWOCC, 21-3. He also decided previously unbeaten Ed Eddings, Umpqua, 5-2.

Schwehn helped set the pace in the Umpqua win when he decided Bill Anderson for the third time this season, 18-10.

Lumsden helped to preserve the shutout when he decided Steve Fosback in a close match, 22-21.

Steve Morris kept his perfect record intact (15-0) when he decided Dave Barstoz, a second-place finisher in the Clack-

amas Invitational, 12-8, and Kirk Whitehurst, 8-0.

Snoderly won the best match of the two meets when he dominated Ken Parsons for a 7-4 decision. Parsons was a former state champion and a runner-up in the junior college regional competition last season.

In other action, a second group of Cougar matmen traveled to the annual Bend tournament and came away with 14 wins out of 24 matches. Joe Davis (3-0 and 10-0 on the season), Rich Holliman (3-1), and Dan Woods (3-1), put in fine individual efforts.

As the Cougars enter the home stretch of the season, the biggest problem they face is probably not the other team, but the Cougars themselves.

Injuries to possible state champions Mike Brewton, (lost for the remainder of the season following knee surgery for rheumatoid arthritis) and Jeff Harmon (a sophomore who represented Clackamas in the national tournament and who will be lost for at least three weeks with a broken bone in his left hand) could hurt the team's chances when it goes to the regionals.

"Any more injuries such as the one to Kim Roehl (pulled hamstring which will put him out until the second week in February), who leads the team in pins, could really be critical," said Coach Norm Berney.

"Injuries could very well determine the

success or failure of our season because going to have to be as near to full strength in order to do well in post-season," said Berney.

The final stretch to regionals begins today night as the Cougars take on Mt. Hood CC on Friday, Feb. 4, at Oregon CC on Saturday, Feb. 5, Lane CC on Tuesday, Feb. 8, Willamette on Feb. 11, and North Idaho on Feb. 13.

Following the Mt. Hood meet, the Cougars take on the University of Oregon and Lane CC on Friday, Feb. 4, at Oregon CC on Saturday, Feb. 5, Lane CC on Tuesday, Feb. 8, Willamette on Feb. 11, and North Idaho on Feb. 13.

The winners in last week's Clackamas Invitational for Clackamas were:

134 - Tom Ziegler, Clackamas defeated Larry Marshall, U of O J.V.'s, 6-2.

150 - Steve Morris, Clackamas, defeated Jerry Wollen, Grays Harbor, 9-3.


190 - Joe Davis, Clackamas was awarded the referee's decision over George Healy, Grays Harbor, after the two wrestlers had a 1-1 draw after three rounds.



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