

CCC grapplers state champions

Clackamas Community College, ranked third in the nation among junior college wrestling teams, breezed to its eighth consecutive Oregon Community College Athletic Association wrestling championship at Eugene, Saturday, Feb. 19.

The Cougars were simply devastating as eight of the ten wrestlers took individual state championships. All together the ten wrestlers lost only two matches.

The Cougars tallied 113.5 points, outdistancing their closest opponent, Central Oregon, by a school record 55.5 points.

Clackamas Coach Norm Berney was named Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Individual champions included Tom Zeigle at 126, Don Zellner at 134, Steve Morris at 142, Rocky Schneider at 158, Wayne Snoderly at 167, Joe Davis at 177, Jeff Harmon at 190 and Richard Holliman at heavyweight.

Paul Schwehn placed second at 118 and Brian Sigler took third at 150.

Morris was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler for his effort at 142 pounds.

Morris, considered by Berney to be the top wrestler in his weight class in the nation, defeated former third-place finisher in the state freestyle last season, Ed Eddings, to take the championship.

Holliman set a new school record when he pinned Central Oregon's Leroy Baldwin in just 23 seconds to win first place in the heavyweight division.



Photo by Brian Snook

State championship wrestling team pictured from left to right are: back row, Joe Davis 177 lbs., Wayne Snoderly 167 lbs., Jeff Harmon 190 lbs., Rich Holliman Hwt., Rocky Schneider 158 lbs. Front row, Tom Zeigle 126 lbs., Don Zellner 134 lbs., Steve Morris 142 lbs., Paul Schwehn 118 lbs., not pictured Brian Sigler 150 lbs. This Saturday the team will travel to Pendleton for the Regional Tournament.

Jeff Harmon saw his first action since suffering a broken wrist in December, and proved that he has lost little of his strength when he decisioned Tracy Jackson, Southwestern Oregon, 11-6 for first place.

The Cougars travel to Pendleton Friday for regional competition where they will face such teams as Treasure Valley, Ricks,

who has finished third in regionals for the last three years, and second-ranked North Idaho, who has lost only one meet to Eastern Washington; the number three ranked four-year school. Earlier this season Clackamas and North Idaho battled to a 19-19 tie.

"We're really going to have to have it together as a team if we are going to do well in the regionals," Berney said.

Women to compete at OSU

This Saturday, Feb. 26, members of the Clackamas Community College women's track team will travel to Oregon State University in Corvallis to compete in an invitational track meet involving five colleges and 16 Oregon high schools.

This will be one of the early chances for the team members to establish or break CCC women's school records. To establish an official school record, the athlete must place first, second, or third in a competition.

Barbara Johnson, who owns the CCC record in the 60 meter hurdles may earn herself a new record Saturday when she competes in the 100 meter high hurdles.

In the shot put, Karen Liams has a chance of breaking the record of 58.3 she set previously this year during an indoor meet at the University of Washington.

Intermediate hurdler Tammy Likens could establish a Clackamas record with a third or better finish in that race. Likens will also

run in the open 400 meter dash.

Verna Simons will long jump for the Cougar squad at the meet and since all distances jumped are officially recorded, Verna will almost certainly obtain a school record for herself.

In the mile race both Sandy Killian and Jean Sandwick have a chance of breaking the school record of 5:53.8 set by Sandwick at the Washington meet.

Sprinter Amanda Eggleston could establish marks in the 100 and 200 meter dashes with third or better finishes in those races.

Teams from the University of Oregon, Oregon College of Education, Portland State and Willamette University will join in presenting tough competition for the young Cougar squad. Coach Roger Smith said, "We'll just have to wait and see how the team as a whole fares. "We're just looking forward to it."

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