

What does the media cover Super Bowl week?

Once again that time of year is upon us. Yes, it is Super Bowl time again. In two weeks we will witness what the 28 teams work towards all season. The game will end all the "discussions" you have had with friends.

This is the game that can't just be watched like any other regular season contest. You have to invite friends, empty the cupboard of junk food, and make sure there isn't a beverage left when the clock finally runs down. Then if you are on the winning side you can sit around and gloat until someone smacks you silly.

However, before you can

You are taken to the airport where you get to see... the teams step off the plane. The newscasters just don't tell you they make such a large deal of it. As if one of the teams is going to fail to show up because they forgot.

After a week and a half of this comes what I think is the best part. **MEDIADAY!** This informative day comes after ten full days of already informative questions, but this day is special and you get educated among other things:

"What is your shoe size?"
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get to that point, you first have to go through two weeks of major media overkill.

First, for the past

two years one team has been a serious underdog to the other. This year the Denver Broncos already seem to have been told that they will defeat the San Francisco 49ers when pigs fly, fish walk, and a male wins the Miss America pageant.

Then comes the questions. It is hard for dozens of reporters covering the same game to come up with interesting questions. This forces the big names (you never know the names of the linemen) of the game to basically answer the same 20 questions again and again and again.

The start of the serious attention then begins with what else but the arrivals of the team.

From the other side...

by Staci Beard

describes you?"

And lest we forget.

"What is the stupidest question that you have been asked this week?"

Except we still don't hear from those linemen.

Now don't get me wrong. I love the Super Bowl (especially when my favorite team is in it and favored to win). But do we really need two weeks? Besides healing it doesn't seem to do much good in the strategy department. Look back at those tension-filled blowouts. How ever did the teams manage to prepare during the season with only a week between games?

I think just one week would make it perfect. I am sure the hype output would not dip too low.

Grapplers claim championship

by Staci Beard
Sports Editor

Clackamas wrestlers finished up a long and tiring weekend by taking the championship of the Thunderbird Dual Meet Classic.

Friday's match with North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene, the team traveled half the night to Helensburg, Washington, then finished the drive to Tacoma to compete in Dual Meet Classic.

The Cougars showed no sign of fatigue as they went out and defeated their first opponent, Big Bend Community College, 34-13. That win pushed them into the semifinals where they blew out Lower Columbia Community College 45-3.

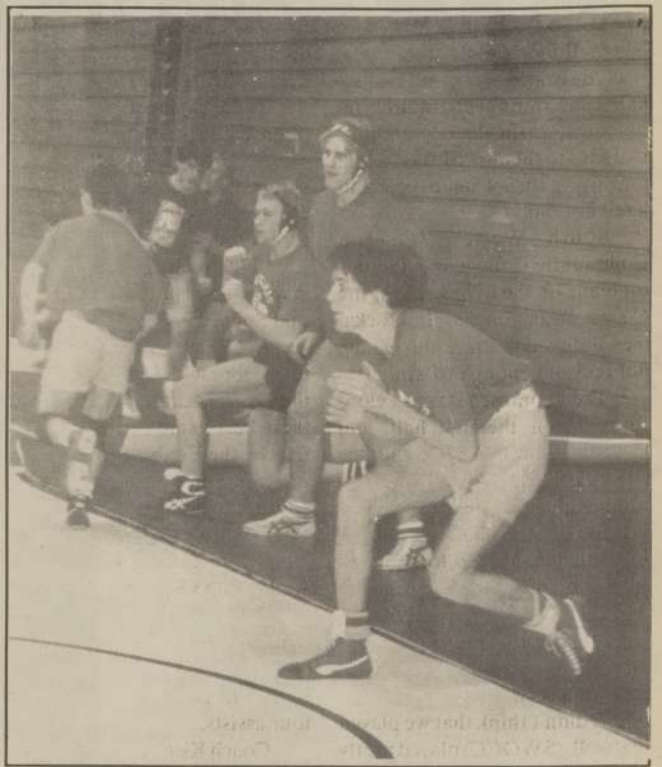
The championship match proved to be much closer as the Cougars pulled out a 29-20 victory over their host, Highline Community College.

"We were able to wrestle 15 different guys in the ten weight classes. Everyone was able to wrestle at least twice. It was good experience for everyone," stated Coach Jim Jackson.

Before Saturday's contest was performed, the Cougars faced North Idaho who are ranked second in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) in a dual meet which they lost 36-11.

"We again wrestled tough. Their team was full of sophomores who had redshirted while we are a majority of freshman. I didn't feel bad though because we knew they would be strong," explained Jackson.

Two members stood out with strong performances: Steve Teeney at 167 and Lance Hobson at 177. "They just annihilated their



To avoid muscle strains, members of the wrestling team warm up before practice.

Photo by Jillian Porter

opponents. It gave the team a big boost," said Jackson.

Among those wrestling tough were Craig Morris at 118 and Matt Lindland at 150.

"Morris lost a close match that could have gone either way. Lindland worked up to a 2-2 draw that if it had been at any other place his opponent would have had a stalling call against him and Matt could have won; he just couldn't get the call," stated Jackson.

Jackson sees the team continuing to improve as the season progresses.

"There has been a big differ-

ence between this weekend and last weekend. Our mental attitude has improved to the point where we don't quit the whole time they were out on the mat. So on the matches that we lost they were going hard the whole time. You can't ask for more than that," stated Jackson.

The Cougar's only home match will be Friday, Jan. 25, against Pacific Lutheran at 6 p.m. and North Idaho at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Clackamas follows Friday's action with the CCC Invitational which will get underway at 10 a.m.

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