

From the other side...

by

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## Time to strike

Now that the sun has decided to come out and remind us that Spring is around the corner, it is time to start thinking of and warming up for those sports that happen during the summer like golf, tennis, and picnic softball games.

Won't it be great to drag out the tennis racket and golf clubs and work on a tan while perfecting your game?

At least with these sports you don't have to rely on anyone to play the sport while you watch. You only have yourself to blame if you or friends can't get out there and play on your field of "expertise."

Yes, I have ignored the sport that people connect very much with sitting in the summer sun... baseball.

I love baseball, but as of this moment the sport is not at the top of my favorite things to talk about. Due to a disagreement between players and management there is a lockout, which means spring training has not started.

My opinion is not here to be on the players' side or management's side. Frankly, I don't feel sorry for either side.

This is getting to be a regular event and some fans are getting a little tired of it. Maybe this year the fans should pull their own strike by not attending the games when play resumes. Maybe they will remember this is a consumer product. No fans means no ticket sales, which equals no money for owners, which equals no pay for players.

Owners, I know, didn't buy their teams so they could have an expensive toy. They want to make money, but do they have the right to hold the fans hostage?

Players are also in this for the money; the days of playing only for the love of the sport have long since gone. They do deserve money for the services they perform (some do get too much for their actual skills, but that is another issue). But how high would those salaries be (if they would even be playing), if the fans weren't there to support them?

Our forefathers were able to compromise on a document that is the basis of our country. The union and management can't even compromise on a document that will only last for a few years.

When this agreement (yes, we will get one) is just about over, there will need to be some serious negotiations happening earlier than a week before the deadline. Or maybe after the next strike, fans should stay home and give their tennis rackets and golf clubs some real workouts.

## Lindland, Hobson qualify for Nationals

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Two members of the Clackamas wrestling team qualified for the National tournament on February 9, with second place finishes

at the NJCAA Region 18 Championships.

Matt Lindland took second in the 150 weight class, while Lance Hobson came in second in the 177 class.



Matt Lindland applies a classic headlock to his practice opponent. Lindland placed second in the 150 weight division at the NJCAA Region 18 Championships, earning a chance to compete at the Nationals in North Dakota on February 19 and 20.

Photo by Jillian Porter

## Teams score well indoors

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While the outdoor season has yet to begin the track team has participated in two indoor meets. The first was January 20 at the Portland Indoor, then another at the Eugene Indoor on February 2.

A number of fine performances were turned in at the Portland meet. Starting with Tim Beardall who put in a lifetime best in the 1500 meters of 4:11.5.

Taking first in the men's 400 meter heats were CCC's Dave Larson in 50.6 and Todd Gibson at 52.4, while Randy Fish took second in his heat in 53.2.

For their best of the day in the long jump, Steve Miller took off for 22'7", and Malcolm Parker landed at 21'11".

Bringing in good times in the 3000 meter run were Gene Branderhorst with 9:07.6, Bob McCrum in 9:08.2, and Angie Wright with 11:25.

Two hurdlers were also able to place in 55 meter hurdles. Taking third was Erika Lorentson at 8.7. In the men's, Kyle Riggs took fifth at 8.0.

At the Eugene meet, Coach Mike Hodges felt that the team performed their week's best.

A number of personal and seasonal bests were put in by the Cougars.

Miller put in the most outstanding effort with 47'7" triple jump effort. It broke the school record by five inches.

Breaking his best ever by ten inches was Greg Hess in the pole vault by vaulting 15 feet.

Beardall set a personal best in the 3000 meter with a sixth-place finish in 8:58.6. Marty McKinnis put out a personal best in the shot put with a 34'8" effort.

Rounding out the bests was Chris Nysten, whose 37'11" shotput

was a season's best for her.

Three members placed in the 50 meter hurdles heats. Taking first was Crane in 6.9, placing second in 7.1 was Riggs, and Lorentson finished up fourth in 7.9 in his heat.

Wright finished very strong with a second-place finish in the women's 3000 meter at 11:08.8.

Taking third in the 1500 meter was McCrum with a 4:04.6 finish.

Clackamas had two high finishers in the 1000 meter run by Kevin Buse who placed third with a time of 2:40.6 and Shaun Ferguson took seventh with 2:42.7.

In the jumping events, Elouise Williams took fifth, with a leap of 15'6" while Riggs took sixth in the men's jump, a best of 21'9".

In the triple jump, Williams also took fourth, with a distance of 34'7", and in the high jump David Bate turned in a leap of 6'4".

"It was a tough loss (the finals) for Matt. It went right down to the final buzzer. At one point I thought it would go into overtime," stated Coach Jim Jackson.

Although Hobson also qualified, he will not be wrestling in the Nationals. Hobson sustained what was thought to be a rib injury during the Clackamas Invitational. But after being re-injured during the regionals, which forced an injury default in the finals, it was discovered that Hobson had broken his sternum.

"Lance re-injured it in the semi-finals, but in spite of it he had his opponent on his back in the finals but couldn't finish him off due to the injury. Lance showed a lot of mental toughness in that final match; having to default was a big disappointment for him," explained Jackson.

Other Cougars also finished high but just missed qualifying. Craig Morris and Kelly Reichner both took third at 118 and 190.

"Craig's was a tough loss. It was one to a guy he has lost to two

other times in the season. Kelly was a takedown away from going into the finals. He had to wrestle back to get to the semis. I was very pleased because wrestling back is not easy to do," stated Jackson.

Two more Cougars were also able to place: Albert Alcantar took fourth at 134, while James Williams also placed fourth at 158.

With the success of these individuals, the Cougars took third place out of seven teams with its team score of 32-1/2. It placed behind fifth-ranked Ricks College which had 85 points and number-two ranked North Idaho which tallied up 100-1/2 points.

"I think the team wrestled to the fullest of our abilities. We have to have one of the toughest regional competitions with both the second and fifth-ranked teams in the nation as competition. Everything for us just fell into place at the right time," said Jackson.

Lindland will be traveling to Bismarck, North Dakota for the National Tournament on February 19 and 20.

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