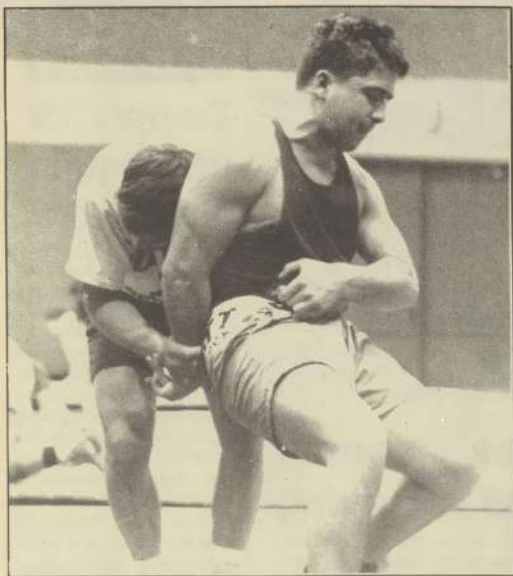


Grapplers take on rugged competitors



Vic Murro (front) shows good hand control while fending off Coach Mike Haluska.

By Heatherle Himes
Staff Writer

Looking back on last week-end's triangular dual meet against Northern Idaho College and Pacific Lutheran University Head Wrestling Coach Jim Jackson said, "We got hammered."

"We got beat in the first dual by Northern Idaho College 4-46," said Jackson. "We just unfortunately had some bad situations where they thumped us hard. We had one person win. Matt Lindland (158 pound weight class) had a major decision 12-5." Northern Idaho College is the reigning Junior College National Champion.

In the second dual of the evening the Cougars faced Pacific Lutheran University.

"They thumped us 9-39," Jackson said with a sigh. "Our two wins were a forfeit to Matt Lindland and Steve Teeney won 9-3 at 177 pounds."

"We got thumped by both teams," said Jackson. "We wrestled very tough. We were close in a lot of situations. They are both really

good teams this year. They just took it to us. Put together the fact that they are both good teams, and that we have to forfeit at 98 and heavyweight, and they are wrestling up to their ability and the scores just got lopsided."

The annual Clackamas Community College Invitational took place Saturday with 165 wrestlers competing unattached and from 14 colleges. No team scores were kept, which allows redshirts to participate. Northern Idaho College dominated, taking home championships from five of the ten weight classes. Johnson says that the tournament is tough competition wise because it is one of the last major events in the northwest before regional finals.

Teeney (177) placed fourth, David Grieve (167) was third and Lindland was champion at 158, his third tournament championship of the season. He was also selected to receive the Outstanding Wrestler Award due to his performance in his final match.

"He wrestled Dan Alar of

Oregon State University," said Jackson of Lindland's championship match, "a guy who is one of the two people who defeated Matt this year. Matt was avenging his earlier loss. It was the match of the evening. He did a super job."

Thus far in the season Lindland posts a 36-2 record.

On Jan. 19, the Cougars will travel to Longview, Washington to compete in the Northwest Community College Championships. The event is sponsored by Lower Columbia Community College.

Clackamas will open up against Big Bend Community College. If they win they will advance to the second round and face Highline Community College, the number one seeded team.

"They are a tough dual meet team," said Jackson of HCC. "We beat them earlier in the year."

Also on the agenda for the upcoming week is a double dual at the Oregon Institute of Technology on Jan. 29.

Billiards and Ping-Pong regional tourneys slotted

by Frank Jordan
Staff Writer

All right, all of those people who just hang out in the game room, shooting pool and playing ping-pong, have we got something for you.

There is a competition in those two events at the Association of College Unions-International Regional Tournament, to be held this year at Oregon State University on Feb. 28 through Mar. 2.

Local qualifying for the regionals in table tennis and billiards will be held this Saturday, at the college game room. This will be the final qualifying round for table tennis, and the top two people

will qualify for the regionals. This will be the third billiards tourney in qualifying, with one more qualifying tourney to be held. The four winners of the individual tournaments will be brought back to compete for the two billiards spots at regionals.

The cost to enter this Saturday will be \$1, and to qualify to compete in the regionals, each entrant will need to carry at least 3 credit hours and must have a 2.00 grade point average or better.

For those who qualify to go to regionals, the college will be footing the bill for entry fees, housing, and meals.

PROFILE Wrestling

Greg Benner



Date of Birth: 8-18-71
High school: Barlow
Other sports in high school: Football

High school wrestling highlight: "I was district champion my junior year, and I was suppose to have good season as a senior, but I didn't. I'm wrestling 142 at CCC." Major: "I'm taking general studies. I'll be a teacher of sociology or history in a high school somewhere."

Why teaching? "It's better than dressing in a suit and sitting behind a desk. I'll be doing something useful like making sure it's a greater world when I die."

What kind of car do you drive? "A '72 Chevy Blazer. I like it, but my doors are broken, so feel free to

break in."

What would you do if you were Clackamas' ASG president?

"First of all, I like our president, so I'd make him my assistant and I'd get him a Harley. I'd make sure people came to wrestling meets and I'd make it be the big sport. I'd have everyone take wrestling class and I'd probably have a couple of peace rallies."

How do you feel about the Persian Gulf? "That's a tough one. I'd say that Saddam Hussein should be stopped, but then again we should have a peaceful world and a lot of people are going to get killed and it's too bad. I guess I'm probably going to end up being a hippie. I don't think war is right."

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