

Norm Berney inducted into National Wrestling Hall of Fame

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The book as a whole was great, but the final chapter might have been the best of all.

Norm Berney, high school relations counselor and Clackamas wrestling coach from 1971-1989, was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame in Bismarck, North Dakota Feb. 29.

It would be hard to write a better ending to a career that recognized his accomplishments as a wrestler, as well as a coach.

"In a sense, wrestling gave me my life," Berney said reflecting on his past accomplishments. "It gave me my wife, my job, my education and wrestling really gave me the discipline to finish my goals. I feel that my goals are accomplished," he said.

One of his many accomplishments was a state championship in his senior year at Canby Union High School.

Berney said that his former high school coach, and current Canby Union High School principal, Larry Wright, deserves a lot of credit for his success.

"He turned the (high school) program around," he said.

Berney was unseeded at 136 lbs. when he won his state title. An unseeded wrestler taking state is almost unheard of, he said.

CCC track team qualifies 13 for Championships

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The CCC track team competed in the Ice Breaker Open in McMinnville last Saturday and had 13 individual performances worthy of qualification for the NWAACC Championships.

In the 10,000 meter race, Gene Branderhorst had a qualifying performance, finishing third in a personal-record time of 32:35.0.

The men's team finished second in the 400m relay with a time of 43.2 seconds. The relay team consisted of Dean Jolley, Juha Tuominen, Dwayne Arnold and Scott Willhite.

Dwayne Arnold also won the 110m high hurdles in a time of 15.0 seconds. Darwin Arnold was fifth in 15.9. Both competed for the Cougar Club. Mike Brown was fifth in his heat with a time of 17.1 seconds.

Nathan Matlock and Randy Faddis each had qualifying times in the 3000m steeplechase. Matlock was sixth in 10:13.6 and Faddis was seventh in a personal-record time of 10:14.4.

Ryan Parshall set a school record in the hammer throw, finishing eighth with a throw of 156'5". Matt Davis had a throw of 110'6" for the Cougar Club.

Parshall also had a qualifying performance in the discus, finishing third with a throw of 143'2", a personal record.

In the javelin, Mike Hieb finished second for the Cougar Club with a throw of 221'6". Matt Davis was 9th with a throw of 175'11", while Chuck David was 11th at 173'10". Both were personal records. Mike Owings was 12th with a throw of 165'2".

David also competed in the shot put, finishing with a throw of 40'7".

The Cougar Club won the 1600m relay with a time of 3:19.5. The

Berney went on to Portland State University, where he red-shirted his freshman year. From PSU he transferred to Eastern Oregon State College and won the West regionals in 1967.

As with many wrestlers, Berney found himself prone to injury, injuries which included five broken fingers, ligament problems in his knee and many other ailments.

"I kept getting tweaked all the time," he said.

After a stint in the military as well as a job as an Athletic Director, Berney turned back to his old high school coach, Wright, who was then head wrestling coach at Clackamas CC.

"I never had an idea I was going to coach," he said.

Nevertheless, he took a job as Wright's assistant, a job in which he stayed until 1975. When Wright returned to Canby in 1975, a head team consisted of Dwayne Arnold, Darwin Arnold, Jason West and Juha Tuominen.

Tuominen also was fourth in the 100 with a time of 11.0. Tim Grady won his heat in 11.2 seconds.

Steve Edwards had a qualifying performance of 6'4" in the high jump.

Dean Jolley was first in the long jump with a jump of 22' 3 1/2". Jolley competed for the Cougar Club.

Scott Willhite finished fifth in the 400 with a time of 50.8 seconds.

Wilfredo Elenes finished 12th in the 1500 in 4:11.8, a personal record.

In the 800, Jason West finished first with a time of 1:58.5. Tim Marshall was third in a time of 2:00.8 while Robert Adriance was sixth in 2:01.7. Marshall ran for the Cougar Club.

In the 400 meter hurdles, Dwayne and Darwin Arnold finished 1-2, respectively, in times of 55.6 and 56.3. Carey Platt was fifth in 58.5. The Arnolds ran for the Cougar Club.

Tuominen was fifth in the 200 in a time of 22.2. Willhite was sixth in his heat in 22.7, while Grady won his heat in 22.9.

For the women, Sonia Schmuland and Roni Del Sol each had qualifying times in the 10,000. Schmuland was second in a time of 42:53.7. Del Sol was fourth in 44:29.9.

The Clackamas team won the 400m relay in a time of 50.1 seconds. The team was made up of Jill Wood, Nancy Nelson, Amy Hines and Alicia Smith.

Heidi Spillum finished fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:19.9.

In the 400 meter race, Pam Raade won in a time of 59.4 seconds.



Norm Berney and Jim Jackson display the award given to Berney at the National Championships in Bismarck, ND.

coaching job at Clackamas was available.

"Larry advised me to go on and take it. I didn't really feel I was prepared to be a head coach--I give him a lot of credit for me being in the Hall of Fame," he said.

A cumulative 127-35 dual meet record set the stage for the awards that he received: National Coach of the Year in 1987, Regional Coach

Nancy Nelson was fifth in the 100 in a time of 12.7, while Alicia Smith was sixth in a personal-record time of 12.8 seconds.

Amy Hines was fifth in her heat in the 100m hurdles. Deanna Arreola also finished fifth in her heat in 18.5.

In the 1600 relay, the team of Raade, Spillum, Nelson and Arreola finished second in 4:14.9.

Ilene Penas had a qualifying performance and a personal record in the discus, finishing third with a throw of 124'8".

Penas finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 41'. That was also a qualifying performance. LaChelle Pierce was ninth with a throw of 34'10".

Angie Kuehne finished eighth in the javelin with a throw of 116'9". That was a qualifying throw as well.

Alicia Smith finished eighth in the long jump with a distance of 16' 1 3/4".

Smith also finished 12th in the triple jump in a distance of 31' 7 3/4". Jenny Gay was 13th at 31'5".

"We had some tremendous performances," Coach Mike Hodges said. "The ones that really stick out are the 10,000s, both men and women, the relays, both men and women, Parshall in both the hammer and the discus, Penas in the shot and discus and Spillum in the 800."

The team's next performance is Saturday, March 14 at the Lewis & Clark Open in Portland.

of the Year 1989, Oregon Community College Coach of the Year in 1975, '76, '79, '80 and '82 and, of course, being inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

Berney said that awards like National Coach of the Year and the Hall of Fame are nice but the highlight of his career was probably being chosen as Wrestling Man of the Year for the State of Oregon in 1989.

"The Man of the Year takes into account not only wrestling contributions, but things I did for the community outside of wrestling," he said.

Just because his wrestling and coaching career is over, don't think that Berney is not involved. He continues to support the team through recruiting, fund-raising and helps run the concession stand. Berney said that he's often been a witness of wrestling's influence on students.

"It's a unique club. I see how it affects kids lives--wrestling offers a opportunity for everyone from 95 to 250 lbs. It really can help you in life," he said.

All the individuals who work with student/athletes here at Clack-

mas emphasize the student aspect, Berney said. "They are concerned with where they are going to end up in life; because of this we've developed a good reputation in the community."

Berney credits the relationship he has with current wrestling coach, Jim Jackson, in easing his transition when he left the head coaching job in 1989.

"It's a real good relationship, it's sometimes hard for a former coach and the new coach to get along. We don't have that problem here, it's been a real nice transition," he said.

"Jackson has been really receptive to the help and I still feel that I'm a part of the program. Jackson built on the program, not necessarily changed it and he'll never allow the wrestling program here to die," Berney said.

Berney reiterated the fact that people like Jackson, Wright and Clackamas English instructor Dick Andrews were very important influences toward his success. He said that he learned a lot from them.

"Our lives have paralleled in that sense. Larry Wright was like an older brother, a second father image," Berney said.

Berney said that there were very few things he would want to change in his life.

"It's been a good life, a good experience and real rewarding. This college has a very good atmosphere and I always felt that my mission and goal was to be at CCC -- God gave me the chance to work with wrestlers," he said.

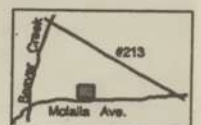


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Correction

In last week's issue, the awards for women's basketball were printed.

Unfortunately omitted were Jenny Topham and Launa Meck, who were named to the second team All-League.