

Cougar wrestlers place high at CWU Tourney

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Clackamas finished the season with four wrestlers placing in the Central Washington University Tournament on Saturday.

Tyler Bransford (150 pounds) placed third. Bransford beat several nationally ranked wrestlers on the way. Head Coach Mike Haluska noted "Tyler has gotten better every match and had a phenomenal tournament."

Glenn Garrison (142 pounds) also placed third losing in double-overtime to the tournament champion.

Ryan "Falcon" Gillespie placed fifth and Tyler Anderson (190) placed 6th. Haluska noted both had great tournaments and were "right up there."

"It made me feel real good the way they [Bransford, Anderson, Gillespie, Garrison] competed," said Haluska.

Lonnie Eggert did not compete in the tournament, but Haluska would be surprised if he did not go to the nationals and place in the top three.

Clackamas has struggled in the duals this year but Haluska feels the wrestlers are giving it their all. However he sees the duals as practice for the nationals.

"I am not happy with the win/loss record [about 5-50 match in duals]. But I am happy everyone is competing the best they can," said Haluska.

Haluska believes the team can hold its own against North



Photo by Joel Coerson

Clackamas will host the Region 18 championships on Feb. 15.

Idaho and Ricks College, second and third in the nation respectively, at the nationals if everyone competes to their potential. Bransford, Anderson, Gillespie, Garrison, Eggert and Corey Caywood all have a good chance of competing in the nationals.

The team is about half freshman and half sophomores. Several freshman have done well and, hopefully, will return next year.

Caywood may or may not compete in the regionals in February. However, Haluska says Caywood and fellow sophomore

Eggert have been asked about by a number of college and university wrestling coaches and probably will go on to wrestle at the four-year level.

Clackamas will host the Region 18 Championships on Feb. 15. Wrestlers who place in the top three go on to the nationals in Bismark, N.D.

Trailblazers on fire after Whitsett plays the lottery

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Portland Trailblazer General Manager Bob Whitsett has taken "in with the new and out with the old" to a new level.

The Blazers have not missed the playoffs in 14 years, but now have five former lottery picks - Stacey Augman, Isiah Rider, Kenny Anderson, Gary Trent and Rasheed Wallace.

Over the summer, the Blazers traded disgruntled Point Guard Rod Strickland and mediocre Forward Harvey Grant for second-year Power Forward Rasheed Wallace.

It seems likely, despite the addition of CBA refugee Enis Whatley, that there will be another trade before the deadline. In giving up Aaron McKie, Randolph Childress and Reggie Jordan, the Blazers have left themselves open to injury. An injury to Anderson would leave the team with only Rookie Marcus Brown and Whatley for the point guard position.

Whitsett's location was unknown Friday. He was probably

working on a second trade, to get a back-up point guard.

Despite injuries, the Blazers are 25-18. This is their highest number of games over .500 since the last week of last season (after 42 games). They have six players averaging double figures in points. Since losing Wallace because of a broken thumb, the Blazers have gone 10-4, including wins over league Houston, Utah, Lakers (twice) and Detroit.

The Blazers only dressed nine players Friday after losing Sabonis to a leg injury for at least five games and trading three backup guards to Detroit for Augman. Trent and Dontonio Wingfield stepped against Phoenix, giving Portland the 115-105 win. Trent scored 24 points for the second straight game plus 13 rebounds. Wingfield had a season high of 16 points, including three for three from behind the arc.

If fans will wait another season or two, they will see their team reach the championships in the next three to four years.

Indoor track results

Clackamas took part in a pole-vault summit last Friday and Saturday in Reno Nevada.

This weekend the Cougars will travel down to Eugene for the Eugene Indoor meet.

Bill Jones placed fourth in the University Elite division with a new school record of 16 ft. 4 in. Ely Townsend placed first in University Division II with a personal best of 14 ft. 10 in. Basili Tsimiriagos had a personal indoor record of 13 ft. 8 in.

CLUBS

Chrysalis writing group invites women to celebrate their work by sharing it. We meet Wednesdays at noon in B114. Call Kate Gray at ext. 2371 for any questions.

Rainbow Group (formerly GALAB). The club for all those supporting gays, lesbians and bisexuals is now called the Rainbow group. We meet Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Oregon City Starbucks and Fridays at noon in B114. For more information call Kate at ext 2371.

Attention Native Americans! "Coyote Circle," will hold a special lunch on Thursday, Jan. 30 from noon until 1 p.m. CC127. For more information call Laney at ext. 2576.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA meets every Thursday 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in R012. This club is for everyone, not just athletes, so come join us for some fun. Call Kathy Woods at ext. 2418 for more information.

HEEL (Helping Everyone Environments Live) will be holding a student orientation meeting Jan. 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Skylight Dining Room. Anyone and everyone is invited. For more

information, contact Ken Eshelman at ext. 2247.

Baptist Student Ministries/Christian Fellowship. Come join us for Thursday Night Together at the Fireside Lounge in the Community Center. It will be a time to relax, make new friends and learn how to better run our race in life. For more information, call Carolyn at 650-8526 or 527-7413.

Phi Theta Kappa General meetings:

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. in CC126.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 at noon in CC126.

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. in CC126.

Writers' Club -- All interested writers and playwrights, readers come to P103 every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. They go to readings, plays and literary events in the Portland area. Bring your work or yourself and join us in a supportive environment. Call Allen Widerburg at ext. 2359 for more information.

To find out which club is right for you, call the Associated Student Government at ext. 2247.

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