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Above: Jason Pence holds down his Yakima opponent during an exhibition match. Right: Pence prepares to take down his opponent for two points. Pence ended up winning his match by points with two near falls.

## Wrestlers grapple with injuries

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Sports Editor

The Cougar Wrestlers fared well at the CCC Open Tournament Saturday, after tough losses to Yakima Valley Community College and number one ranked North Idaho College.

Kjel Nykriem took number one in his weight class Saturday, where wrestlers from such colleges as the University of Oregon and Oregon State University were present. Justin Elliot had two pins in the tournament and Josh Rhoden had one.

"It was good prep. for regionals," commented Head Wrestling Coach Loyd

Martindale. "With players coming off of the injured list we should do well."

Injuries have greatly affected the depth of the Cougar squad according to Martindale. With many forfeits, Clackamas gives other teams freebie points for overall score at meets.

The Oregon Classics Dual last Friday night in Portland, where Clackamas faced number one ranked North Idaho, emphasized this point. Although the Cougars lost the meet, the Cougars still showed that they are a team to be reckoned with. Wins came from Josh Roden, who pinned his opponent, Sean Keinonen, who won 7-4, and

Nykriem, who won 10-6.

Thursday's meet against Yakima Valley at home was much closer. The Cougars lost by a heart breaking two points with a very tense ending. A last minute score in the final match pushed the trailing Yakima over for the win. Rhoden, Keinonen and Nykriem all had winning matches.

A scrimmage match was played against Simon Fraser, a Canadian College team. Wins came from Rhoden, Keinonen, Nykreim, Chris Henry, and Jason Pence, who won two matches.

Clackamas' next match will be a rematch with Yakima Friday night in Yakima.

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## Ravens vs. Giants in Super Bowl XXXV

*Dominant defense was key ingredient in both NFC and AFC championship games on Sunday*

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At the beginning of the 2000 NFL season, much of the attention was focused on the league's high scoring offenses. Teams such as the St. Louis Rams, Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings were favorites to go all the way. Now the playoffs are over and not one of those teams is going to the big game, proving once again that defense wins championships.

It was the New York Giants against the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game in New York. The Vikings were never in the game, letting New York score a touchdown in the first two minutes of the game, then fumbling on the kickoff, resulting in another New York touchdown. With the first quarter not even half over, the Vikings were in a 14-0 hole which they couldn't overcome.

Daunte Culpepper dug the team deeper by throwing only 78 yards and three interceptions. Randy Moss and Chris Carter couldn't make any plays against the Giants' tough defense. New York's quarterback, Kerry Collins, was the biggest surprise of the game. He connected on 28 of 39 passes for 381 yards and five touchdowns. The Giants' defense shut out the Vikings for a final score of 41-0.

In the AFC, the Raiders couldn't handle the Ravens even with their home field advantage in Oakland. Both teams have great defensive and offensive weapons. The Raiders' offense is ranked first in yard

rushing while the Ravens' defense is ranked first in the fewest rushing yards allowed. Something had to give, yet it was just a question of when. After solid defensive performances by both teams in the first quarter, the Ravens found themselves on their own four-yard line in a third and 18 situation four minutes into the second quarter. Trent Dilfer threw a short pass to Shannon Sharpe who broke loose for a 96-yard touchdown - the longest pass play in post-season history. After the touchdown, Raiders' quarterback, Rich Gannon, was hit hard, injured his shoulder, and sat out the rest of the half.

Gannon did return at the beginning of the third quarter but was unable to produce so reserve quarterback, Bobby Hoyer, returned late in the fourth. Hoyer connected with Andre Rison for a touchdown but was taken away by an offensive pass interference penalty on Rison. The Ravens' dominant defense racked up four interceptions, four sacks, and caused one fumble. Janikowski put up the Raiders' only points with a field goal in the third quarter. Matt Stover added three more field goals to put the Ravens over the Raiders 16-3.

Who will win the Super Bowl? Get ready for what is expected to be a low scoring game on Jan. 28. The Giants are 2 1/2 point underdogs heading into the big dance against the Ravens.

## Softball team holds clinic

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Do you know any young girls who are interested in softball? The Clackamas Community College women's softball team is hosting a softball camp for girls ages 8-13.

It started on Jan. 8 and will also run on Jan. 15 and 22. It is held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25.

The camp is taught by the women's softball team and covers hitting, bunting, slapping, fielding and throwing skills.

According to Head Softball Coach Paul Fiscum, the camp has drills including infielding and outfielding and uses three batting cages.

"We really like to keep our camps active," said Fiscum. "We try to divide them into small groups."

As of now there are 42 girls attending the camp, and Fiscum expects to gain about 10 more girls before the camp ends.

The team is doing the majority

of the coaching, according to Fiscum.

"By teaching skills, they get a real upside for analyzing their own skills," said Fiscum.

Some of the players were asked how they felt about the camp.

"Overall it was fun," said freshman Nikkii Staley, team infielder. "It would be a lot better if there were more kids."

The team will also be hosting the Ninth Annual Softball Hitting Clinic for ages 13-18. The same clinic will be held on both Jan. 27 and 28 and the cost will be \$25 per day. According to Coach Fiscum, there will be an estimated 120 girls attending.

The team will also be holding a pitching and catching clinic on Feb. 19, 6-9 p.m. for girls ages 8-13. The cost will be \$30.

Fiscum said that he likes to emphasize the fun aspect in his clinics. "I want them to leave with the thought that softball is a great game."

To register or get more information, contact the Community Recreation office at 503-657-6958, ext. 2211.