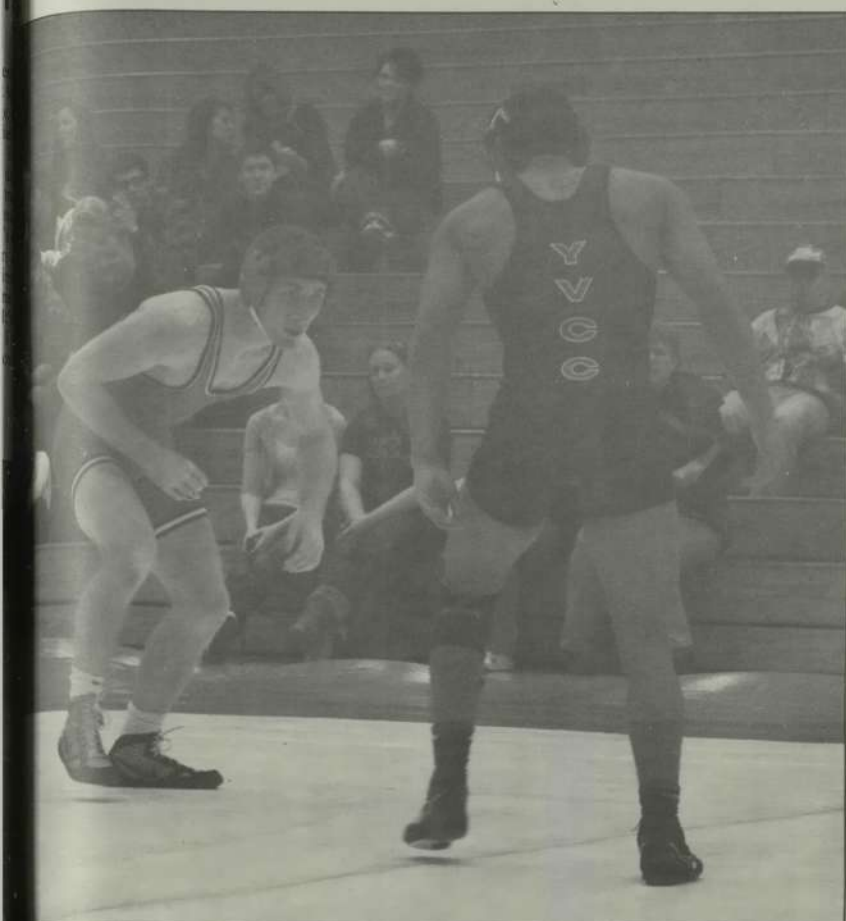
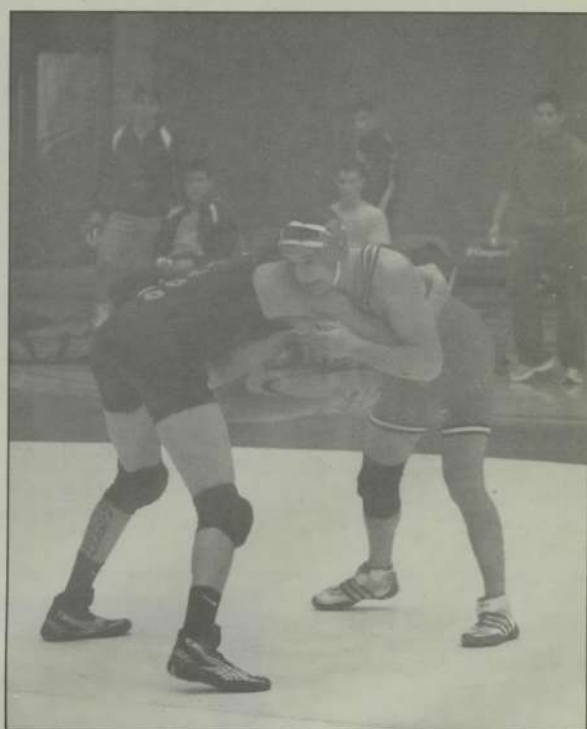


Clackamas takes down Yakima 41-6



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Left: Cougar Billy Goldsberry stands his ground against Anthony Owens of Yakima Valley. Goldsberry won the match 7-4 on Jan. 21.

Above: Clackamas wrestler Joe Fistolera locks up against Yakima Valley's Brad Sweet. Fistolera won by default.

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School spirit takes backseat to work

By John Simmons
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For every athlete, there isn't much that's better than a huge home crowd cheering you on as you play and supporting you all the way. But for the athletes of Clackamas Community College, this is little more than a fantasy, as crowd sizes at sporting events — especially basketball — continue to be dismal.

In last Wednesday's home men's and women's basketball games against Linn-Benton Community College, the stands were half-full at best and mostly populated by parents, grandparents and siblings. Roughly half of the fans present were from the other school.

The fans did not seem very enthused, only a few were clapping and cheering. This improved as the games went on but not by much. Most of the cheering came from the team benches.

Corey Davini, a student at Linfield College, comes to the basketball games because her boyfriend is on the team. She said that the crowd support for the players has pretty much been the same for all the games that she's been to.

"There are a lot of fans tonight; I've never seen this many before," said Davini.

Jamie Wilson, a member of the Clackamas women's basketball team, said that crowd support has a major influence on players.

"It's huge. It brings up the intensity, and the team plays harder and makes bigger plays," she said.

"When you've got your school backing you, it gives you lots of pride," added Tim Furlow, a student at Clackamas.

Furlow has been a basketball fan for ages and played in high school. He comes to the home games because the action is better, people dunk more and the level of play is close to professional.

Because crowd support is such a huge factor for teams, some may wonder why more people do not come.

The answer seems to lie in the fact that games are on weeknights, when many people are working or have homework.

"It's not convenient [to come]," said Wilson. "A lot of people would rather be doing other things, or they aren't interested in sports or don't know anyone on the team."

"They're not advertised much," said Furlow. "The only reason I knew it was happening was because of my friend on the team. I don't think a lot of people recognize what's going on when it's going on."

Furlow suggested advertising the games to bring in more fans and possibly offering prizes to lure more people to attend.

Wilson said that key to attracting more fans is for the teams to play better.

"The better the team is, the more fans they will bring in. People don't want to come if the team is on a losing streak and isn't doing well," she said.

Whatever the school chooses to do, it is clear that something has to be done if they ever want more fans at games.