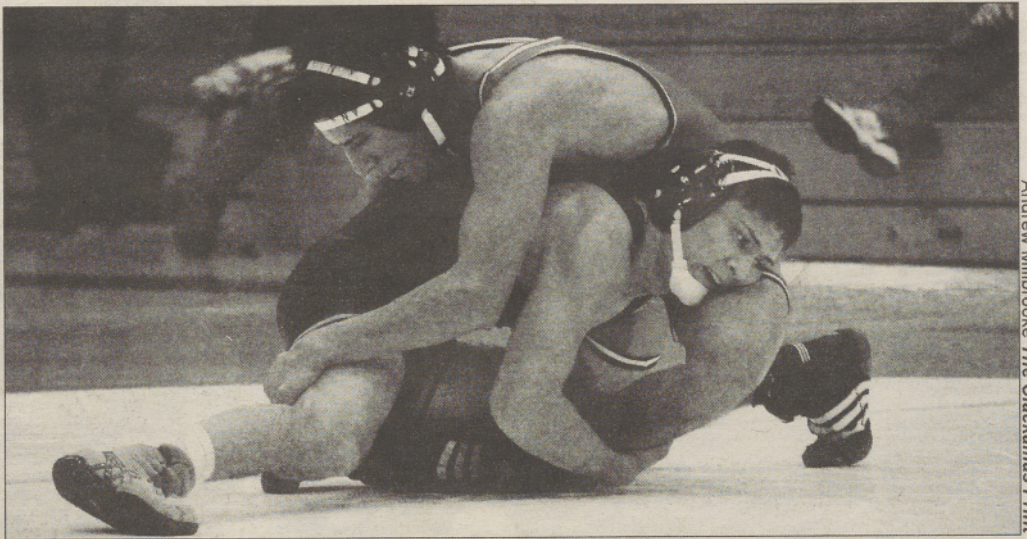


Wrestlers grapple for community support

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Sage Ornelas (bottom, navy) controls Gabe Goodrich (top, scarlet) to win a decision in the 125 pound weight class at the Navy and Scarlet match.

Clackamas Community College's wrestling team hosted the 29th annual Takedown Tournament on Oct. 27 in Randall Hall. The event generated funds for the Cougar wrestling team, while also helping with awareness and connectivity within the community. The tournament had a decent turnout this year, with competitors ranging from 4 years old to over 50.

Open to anyone who wanted to wrestle, entry fee was \$20. The tournament is a great opportunity for people interested to get involved with college wrestling, and for many wrestlers to practice their skills by teaching others for the first time.

Shane Yacuta, a redshirt freshman from Porterville, Calif., was one of the volunteers for the clinic that is held before the competition.

"It was nice," said Yacuta. "It was fun to show the youth wrestlers what it's like in college wrestling."

For many of the wrestlers, one of the main joys of the clinic was working with the elementary-age kids.

"It's nice showing little kids how to wrestle," said Yacuta.

Those who were not able to participate in coaching at the clinic got the chance to help out at a fall carnival for children, hosted by Redland Elementary School. CCC wrestlers helped run game booths, judge costume contests, distribute prizes (mostly in candy form), and generally help entertain the kids.

A sort of pre-kick off to the season, the Navy and Scarlet intra-squad wrestling tournament matches were held on Oct. 25 at Randall Hall. The wrestlers

are divided into two teams, with the assistant coaches Bret Born and Rich Vigorito, each taking charge of one side.

The competition was very intense this year and the turnout very good. Navy and Scarlet were back and forth for most of the match, with Navy taking a tight win, 28-27. It was Vigorito's first coaching victory against Born in the Navy and Scarlet match.

Some stand-outs from the night included: CJ Palmer, Cody Allala, Richard Black, Steve Conn, and Trent Noon. Noon solidified Navy's victory with his technical fall in the 174 pound weight class.

The tournament was very tight this year, with the results going to determine who was going to be starting for each weight class. Also, it is important to see how each wrestler

handled performing in an official tournament-like environment.

Palmer, a freshman from Milford, Penn., performed well at the event. Palmer said that he feels the tournament was good practice for real competitions later on.

"It was like getting the feeling of the match, mentally preparing for all that," said Palmer.

More than 200 people were able to view the event live through an online streaming. The link to the video is available on the CCC wrestling's Facebook page.

"We're really happy with the way the guys competed," says Josh Rhoden, who is in his seventh year as head coach. "Obviously, as a coach, you're nit-picky so it's to try and find the things that we need to take

care of in practice this week to get ready for next weekend."

Clackamas has its first official match of the wrestling season against Highline on Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. in Randall Hall. The following day CCC wrestlers have their first away match, the Mike Clock Open in Forest Grove. Rhoden is determined and confident in their chances for the rest of the season as the Cougars are ranked third nationally in pre-season rankings.

CCC Wrestling Saturday

Come support CCC wrestlers as they take on Highline CC in Randall Gym at 6 p.m.

Beavers and Ducks set for epic showdown

Andrew Millbrooke
Sports Editor

College football fans in Oregon have been treated to an amazing season this year as the Oregon Ducks and Oregon State Beavers are both highly ranked in the current BCS standings. Undefeated Oregon (9-0) currently sits at No. 3 after jumping past Notre Dame this weekend, while the one-loss Beavers (7-1) are ranked No. 11.

The Ducks and Beavers are set to meet in the 116th Civil War in

Corvallis on Nov. 24, with a possible north division title and berth in the Pac-12 championship game on the line.

Oregon continues to put up video game numbers on a weekly basis, while the Beavers shook off some injuries to rebound with a close win against Arizona State after the first loss of the season last week against Washington.

Oregon is coming off a record-setting performance in its 62-51 win over USC on Saturday. The Ducks gained more yards (730) and scored more points (62) than any opponent in USC football history, a history that dates back to 1888. Running back Kenjon

Barner scorched the Trojans for 321 yards on the ground, another all-time record for a USC foe.

Freshman quarterback Marcus Mariota had his best game of the season, throwing for four touchdown passes with no interceptions against a USC defense that had more interceptions (15) than touchdowns allowed (12) coming into the game. Mariota added 95 yards rushing on 15 carries in the most complete game of his career.

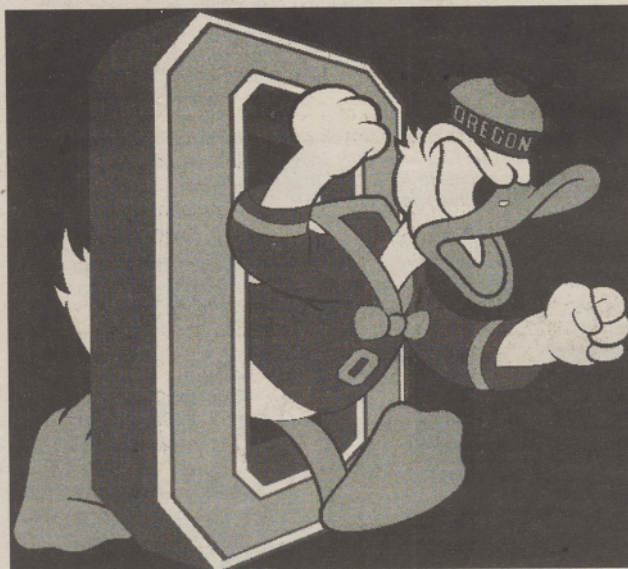
Senior wide receiver Josh Huff had his most impressive game of the season with six catches for 125 yards and two touchdowns. Huff's emergence gives the Ducks another big-time playmaker in its devastatingly effective offense.

The Ducks have now won 14 straight road games, the longest current streak in the nation. Oregon also holds the longest streak in the nation with 30 or more points in 22 straight games. The Ducks 12 straight wins in FBS is second nationally to No. 1 ranked Alabama's 13 in a row. An Oregon and Alabama match-up is what most fans want to see, but first Oregon must take care of business in a tough three-game stretch to end the season.

Oregon travels to Berkeley this weekend to take on California, before coming home to face No. 14 Stanford on Nov. 17. If the Ducks can win those two games, it will set up an epic Civil War game against Oregon State that will have national champion-



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ship implications.

Oregon State must travel to face Stanford this weekend, before returning home to host California and then the Ducks. The Beavers won 36-26 at home over Arizona State this weekend despite missing defensive star Jordan Poyer, who was out with a knee injury.

The Beavers got a career night out of third-string sophomore tailback Terron Ward, as he rushed for a career high 146 yards when starter Storm Woods was deemed unable to go. Despite some early mishaps that had the Beavers down 19-10, new starting quarterback Cody Vaz played solid for the final three quarters, throwing three touchdowns against one interception.

With a solid defense,

running game and explosive wideouts Brandin Cooks and Markus Wheaton, if the Beavers get solid play out of the quarterback position they can beat any team in the country. If the Beavers win out, they will win the Pac-12 north division title and shut the rival Ducks out of a possible national championship appearance.

The Beavers will have home field advantage in the Civil War, but it may not matter. Nobody has stopped Oregon's offense yet and it looks like the only ones that can even slow them down are themselves. Let's hope both teams can win out, so that the eyes of the college football world will be squarely focused on Corvallis' Reser Stadium on Nov. 24.

Sports CALENDAR

November 7-13

WEDNESDAY-11/7

- **CCC Volleyball:** at Linn Benton CC, Albany, Ore. 6 p.m.
- **Horse Racing:** Portland Meadows, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday

THURSDAY-11/8

- **NBA:** L.A. Clippers at Portland 7:30 p.m. on TNT

FRIDAY-11/9

- **CCC Men's Basketball:** Scrimmage vs. Alumni, 7 p.m. in Randall Gym

SATURDAY-11/10

- **CCC Women's Soccer:** Quarterfinal game at OCHS Pioneer Stadium, 7 p.m.
- **CCC Cross Country:** NWAACC Championships at Planters Ferry Park, Spokane Wash. 11 a.m.

SUNDAY-11/11

- **CCC Wrestling:** Saturday at 6 p.m. vs. Highline CC at Randall Gym. Sunday at Mike Clock Open in Forest Grove, at 9 a.m.

MONDAY-11/12

- **Randall Fitness Center:** 8:30-10 a.m., 1-6 p.m. - downstairs in Randall
- **Wednesday** 8:30-10 a.m., and 1-8 p.m.

TUESDAY-11/13

- **Randall Fitness Center:** TU/TH - 12-8 p.m.