

Local sports radio should stay local



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This term I have had the opportunity to work at one of Portland's sports talk radio stations through the CCC's Cooperative Work Experience Program. My experience has been great, as I have been able to see the inner workings of radio shows that I have only listened to in the past. The one thing I am realizing that is not so great about sports talk radio is that all of the shows talk about the same topic in an endless blabbering loop.

The national shows that begin early in the morning start on the topic of the day and by the time the local shows go on the air, the topic has been tread and re-tread to death. For example, in game one of the NBA's Eastern Conference finals, the Indiana Pacers inexplicably left their best rim protecting defender, center Roy Hibbert, on the bench and then lost to the Heat on a driving layup by LeBron James at the buzzer.

Immediately the reaction on Twitter was swift and decisive. Indiana head coach Frank Vogel was crucified.

ESPN NBA analyst Michael Wilbon (@RealMikeWilbon) tweeted "Vogel should apologize to his team for sabotaging their chance to win...Enormous coaching mistake...not once but twice..."

Dick Vitale (@DickieV) said it best with his tweet, "Vogel will have to answer press as to y HIBBERT a shot blocker was an assistant coach sitting on pine - I don't get it-protect the rim."

The morning talk shows opened with the topic and discussed it and dissed Vogel all day long. By the time it got to the local afternoon radio shows, the topic had been through the wringer and was ready to be put to bed. Or, that's what you would think.

Instead, the local afternoon host led his show with audio of LeBron's winning basket and the announcer's incredulous response to the Pacer's defense. It was almost 24 hours later, but there goes the local host with the retreat topic as his lead story. Boring.

It made me want to scream. If you are a local radio show, you don't need to repeat minor national issues, like a basketball game. Find something interesting happening local and break the story or have an opinion on a fresh, new topic to get a discussion started. This retreat attitude continues day after day and it becomes a monotonous routine to listen to.

So much local sports action goes on, while the local hosts would rather discuss a day old game that was played thousands of miles away. I enjoy listening to national hosts like Colin Cowherd, Dan Patrick and Jim Rome discuss the big news, early in the day, but I want my local sports show to have some hometown flavor and exhibit some homegrown knowledge on something other than the Blazers.

If these current hosts won't do it, maybe I will?

Clackamas wrestling team says goodbye to some, hello to others

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"Where do we go from here?" some might ask after Cougar wrestlers said farewell to a large portion of the team.

"I'm real proud," said head coach Josh Rhoden. "Twelve kids graduated and we gotta' replace 'em all, but that means we're doing good. I'm glad to see it's working out for those guys."

Of those departing, three team members answered some "what's next" questions for *The Clackamas Print*.

Signed to California Polytechnic Institute, Trent Noon:

TCP: How did you decide to sign?

Noon: I like the coaches. I knew some of the wrestlers and I have a really good partner, Dominic Kastle. The location is awesome. It's on the beach. It's a really good school to get a degree from.

TCP: What are your academic plans?

Noon: I'm going to major in communications.

TCP: What is your biggest strength you bring to the team?
Noon: Being an upper-classman I'll have experience to bring to the table.

Signed to Northern Colorado, Beau Roberts:

TCP: How did you decide to sign?

Roberts: I like the coaches a lot, they are really young and have a lot of energy. I wanted a coach like Rhoden.

TCP: What are your academic plans?

Roberts: I'd like to major in sports psychology and get my teaching degree.

TCP: What is your biggest strength you bring to the team?

Roberts: I really hate losing; I hate it so much I look for new ways to win on the mat all the time. Team chemistry is really important to me.

Signed to Campbell University, Jacob Laden:

TCP: What are your academic plans?

Laden: Major in administration and minor in social work.

TCP: What is your biggest strength you bring to the team?

Laden: My biggest strength?

Enthusiasm.

TCP: How do you envision the new experience?

Laden: Going from the West Coast to the East Coast, it's gonna' be cool, maybe meet a Southern belle.

A highly skilled and qualified group of wrestlers from various locations across the state and country were recruited to fill the holes left by the transcendent members of the team.

Three time regional champion, three time high school All-American, two-time Oregon state finalist and recent 170-pound Greco Junior Regional champion, Kyle Bateman joined the Clackamas wrestling team from Sandy High School.

Two time Nebraska state finalist and recent state champion, Kenny Martin from Lincoln Southwest High School in Nebraska, helps fill the spot left by Beau Roberts.

A top senior at 170-pounds, Sisto Santana Pina from Kamiakin High School in Washington joined with the assignment of helping out with the 164 and 174-pound divisions after the departure of Noon and 165-pound Niko Hughes. Pina was a three time state medalist for Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Washington, finish-

ing third once and first twice.

182-pound Adrian Salas from Clovis High School in California joined the team to compete in the 184 and 197-pound divisions. Salas is a state champion, three time state medalist and one of the top wrestlers in the nation for his weight class.

Robbie Rizzolino from Easton High School in Pennsylvania will compete in the 141-pound weight class for the Cougars.

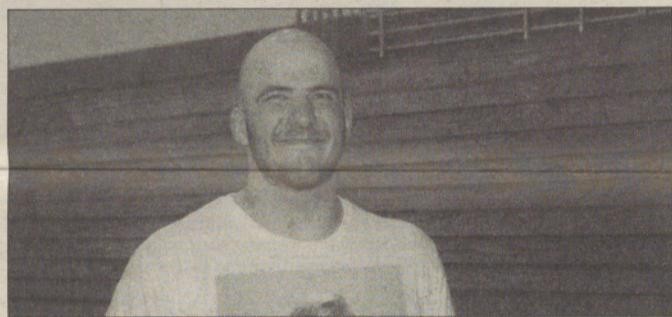
One of the top heavyweight prospects, 285-pound Brandon Johnson joined from Lake Stevens, Wash., where he is a two-time state finalist and the 2013 state champion.

Washington state 152-pound champion Brandon Davidson joined from Bothell, Wash.

Oregon state champion Ihoghama Odighizuwa enlisted to the Cougars from David Douglas High School.

Clackamas wrestling also welcomed three-time Oregon State champ Eleazar DeLuca from Phoenix High School. DeLuca won this year's FILA Junior Greco championship.

With the veterans continuing their journey elsewhere and the new recruits bringing their fresh abilities, next year's wrestling season promises to be an exciting new experience for Clackamas.



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Hall of Fame Banquet and Alumni Reunion coming to Randall gym

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Randall gym will be the site for the fourth annual Clackamas Community College Hall of Fame Banquet and Alumni Reunion on Saturday June 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Former athletes, teams and community supporters are being honored. The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2013 includes:

Dr. John Keyser, CCC president emeritus. Keyser helped build all aspects of the athletic department while leading the transition to the NWAACC and helped establish tuition waiver opportunities.

Jim and Connie Olson, owners of Jimmy O's Pizza. The Olson's are longtime athletic department supporters with financial contributions and hospitality to all

Clackamas athletic teams. 1991, 1992, 1993 softball teams: three-peat NWAACC champions.

Kim Holum, Softball pitcher 1991-92. A member of two championship teams, Holum had a career 17-2 win-loss record and went on to a successful career at Portland State.

David Daniels, men's basketball 1989-91. Daniels has played on the Canadian Olympic team and had stints in the NBA, CBA and World Championships.

Bob Rapp, assistant softball coach and mentor, deceased. Rapp, a consummate community activist, was a 10-year assistant coach and mentor for the CCC softball team.

Tickets for the banquet are \$40 each or \$500 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased online on the college website, <http://depts.clackamas.edu/athletics/>



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