

# sports

## Volleyball coach optimistic

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"Despite strong competition, I feel we have a real good chance to have a winning season," said Clackamas Community College's new volleyball coach, Mary Rubright, as she tried to recreate some of the optimism that has already marked her young life.

Rubright, who has been an instructor at Oregon College of Education for the past three years, replaces Connie Wilson, who resigned to devote more time to her business.

The winning tradition that is so much a part of the women's volleyball team, comes naturally to the 25-year-old Rubright.

Born August 19, 1951 in a town where athletes flourish, Rubright's sports days started early in Spokane, Wash.

Her older brother, who played both football and basketball, helped to get her started in sports. Her father also encouraged her interest in sports by taking her on fishing expeditions.

However, she really became interested in sports while attending John R. Rogers High School in Spokane and it was there that she first became interested in volleyball and tried it on a competitive level.

"I guess I took an instant liking to volleyball," said Rubright.

After graduating from high school, she attended Eastern Washington State College, where, after four years of volleyball, she decided that she wanted to coach and teach it on a college level.

She graduated from Eastern Washington State College in 1973 with a bachelor of

arts in education, and an emphasis in physical education.

1973 was a big year for other reasons.

It was in 1973 that Rubright competed in tryouts for USA's Women's National Volleyball team; was a member of USA Junior National Team Roster and was also a All-Star Region II USVBA Volleyball player while serving as player-coach of the Spokane Volleyball team under Bill Neville, currently the Canadian Men's National Coach.

In 1974, Rubright received her Master of Arts in Education, from the University of Idaho, with an emphasis in physical education and administration.

She then attended Oregon College of Education where she began her first real coaching job as coaching both volleyball, and basketball for the next three years.

Hoping to take a year off, she moved to Portland last summer.

However, it wasn't long before Gladys Michael, women's sports director at CCC, called her about the women's volleyball coaching job, and the rest is history.

And so far she likes what she sees.

"Although there has been a problem with getting enough bodies, the kids are easy to work with and the college has helped to give me a very comfortable situation in which to work," said Rubright.

As for the season it should be a good one.

"We should have no problem in keeping with the winning tradition that marks this program and for the first time the women's volleyball team will have post-season tournaments to look forward to," says Rubright

What she is referring to is the fact that



Mary Rubright... new Women's Volleyball Coach

the CCC Volleyball team is now a member of the Northwest Junior College Volleyball Association. They will be competing with other community colleges in the Northwest for the right to compete in the state tournament to be held at CCC Nov. 4 and 5. The first and second place teams will go on to the national championships held at Cantonville, Maryland, Nov. 23, 24 and 25.

"I'm hopeful this season because if we continue to progress the way we have been, it could be a real good season," said Rubright.

## Cougars claim first victory of season

The Clackamas Community College football team put it together Sat. night and they rolled by Olympic Community College 21-12 to claim their first victory of the season.

The Cougars made their presence felt at outset as wide receiver Stu Gaussoin returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown and the Cougars led 7-0.

The Cougars scored again before the end of the half when they received the ball on the Olympic 49-yard line with about six minutes left in the first quarter.

After a series of plays, the Cougars had the ball on the 30-yard line in a three and five situation, when Brad Roberts looked to Kevin Scheehear in the end zone for the touchdown.

However, an Olympic defender was called for pass interference and the Cougars had

the ball on the one-yard line where Roberts took it in for the touchdown and the Cougars led, 12-0.

The Cougars added two more points as Ed McCallister took it in for the two-point conversion.

Shortly before the end of the first half, Olympic made it 14-6 as Reggie Grant hit Mike Games with a four-yard scoring pass, which capped a 68-yard drive starting from the Olympic 32-yard line.

Olympic drew first blood in the second half as they mounted a drive of 71 yards in just nine plays ending on a one-yard Tracy Bolhalman run to pull within two at 14-12.

However, the key drive of the game began when following a punt, the Cougars had the ball on their own 31-yard line from which they went 69 yards in 14 plays for the clinching touchdown.

Although the scoring was finished, the game was far from over as the Cougar defense constantly came through in the clutch to stave off possible scoring opportunities.

Leading the Cougar defense were Mark Leroy, who picked off his third interception in three games, and Marty Pinz whose two interceptions in the waning moments of the fourth quarter preserved the Cougar victory.

The defense front line, keyed by Keith Perkins, also contributed heavily to the victory. Perkins was credited with 12 tackles and three big quarterback sacks.

Although the defense was strong, as was the kickoff return team, the offense was still marked by inconsistency.

Roberts, although completing several key passes, could only manage a three for 11 afternoon with 48 yards.

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