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Cross country: The men's cross country team will receive a big shot in the arm very soon when they finish recruiting Kelly Brits.

Brits, according to the women's cross country coach Roger Smith, is one of the finest milers on the west coast and should be in top contention for a national championship.

"He's comparable to Lisa Nichol, the top contender for a national championship on the women's team, but only on the men's team," Smith said.

Football: Stu Gausson, Clackamas Community College's wide receiver who ran back the opening kickoff for 15 yards and a touchdown in last Saturday's win over Olympic, was named the Cougars' Player of the Week on the special teams.

Defensive Coach Paul Fiskum also announced the selection of tackle Keith Perkins as outstanding defensive player and right back Ed McAllister as the top offensive player of the week.

They join previous winners Dave Linneman, Rocky Schneider, Lucky Richardson, Donny Miller and Steve Maynard.

Wrestling: The lack of depth problem that faces this year's wrestling squad, was somewhat alleviated this week as coach Rich Taylor was able to recruit Jeff Scruggs, a two-time state champion in the 118-126 pound division while in high school, and Ed Ritt, a two-time state champion and Big Sky Conference champion at Boise State College as a freshman in the heavy-weight division.

Tirrill reviews

hoop season

Clackamas Community College basketball fans should have something to look forward to this season, according to Head Coach Len Tirrill.

"We'll be competitive with any team in the league this year with only our big problem being a lack of depth," Tirrill said.

Reasons for this optimism are the Cougar assets of height and speed. "We're as big as anyone in the league," said Tirrill.

Returning from last year's squad are guards Jeff Neilson and Jim Cauffman, both of whom saw some time in the starting lineup, center Preston Martin and guard-forward Brian Smith.

New to this year's squad is 6-3 guard Dan Slick from Tigard.

Slick was an All-Conference selection and Honorable Mention All-Stater, who led his team in scoring.

Also new to this year's squad will be 5-9 Tom Terrill from Oak Ridge High School and 6-4 forward Brian Cross from Grant.

Ron Williams, a teacher from Beaverton and a graduate of Lewis & Clark, was named new assistant to Coach Tirrill.

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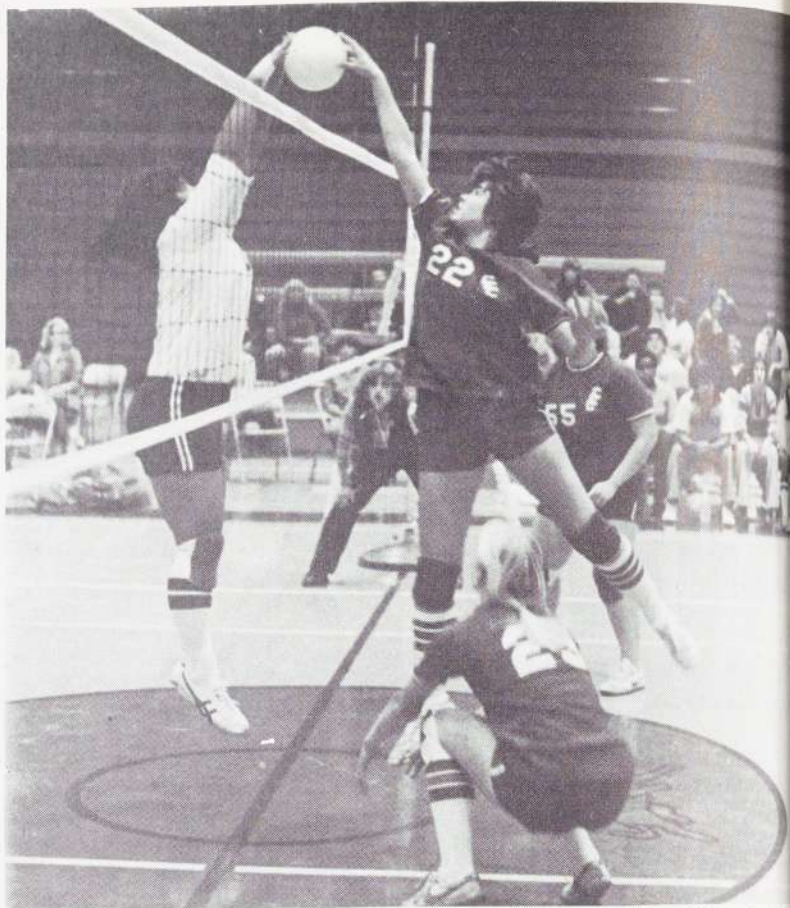


Photo by Brian Smith

Tammy White (22), freshman on CCC women's volleyball team, spikes ball past Pacific defender as Vernon Simon (23) and Karen Iiams (55) are set to render assistance. The team defeated the Pacific University JV's 3-1 in their last home match and remain undefeated.

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Cougars lose in overtime

The Clackamas Community College football team fought hard but came up short as the Cougars lost to Yakima Community College in two overtime periods, 24-17.

The two teams played to a 14-14 tie through the end of regulation time with each adding a field goal in the first extra period to leave the score at 17 going into the fifth and final period.

However, Yakima Valley broke the ice in the second overtime period as Barry Saylor scored from one yard out in a fourth down play to seal the win.

Clackamas put the first score on the board as Don Miller scored from the one

yard line and the Cougars led 7-0.

From then the two teams battled each other straight up until Yakima put the final icing on the cake.

In fact, the Cougar offense finally showed signs of life as Brad Roberts completed seven of fourteen for 70 yards while the rushing unit had 118 yards on 45 carries.

The Cougar defense was tough again as they held Yakima to 202 yards on 70 carries while their passing game was limited to 30 yards.

Despite the loss, it was a good team effort, and for once, this season is far from over.

Undefeated women eye nationals

Clackamas Community College's Women's Track Coach Roger Smith remains optimistic at his team's chances for a post-season bid.

"I feel that we have as good a team as there is in the nation," Smith said.

Smith has good reason to be optimistic. The team remains undefeated in the four tournaments in which they have participated.

They have beaten strong teams from Mt. Hood, Linfield, Oregon State, Central Oregon, Pacific Lutheran and also the Oregon Track Club.

"But perhaps the strongest part of this

team's success are the athletes themselves," Smith said.

"They are all proven athletes from their days in high school competition and state meets. One girl, Lisa Nichol, is undefeated and stands a good shot at a national individual championship."

The significant proof of this came against Central Oregon when both Nichol and Vicki Paddock defeated National Champion Brenda Cradin.

With regionals less than a month away, Smith feels the team's chances are good. "We're excited," said Smith.

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