

It's mini-civil war time again as the Clackamas Community College Cougars battle the Mt. Hood Saints in the game that is annually billed as the community college football championship for the state of Oregon.

Ever since 1972 this game, above all others, has meant a "must win" for both schools. Therefore, the very honor of the colleges is laid on the line in what promises to be one of the most grueling battles of the entire season for both clubs.

However, in the five games played between the two clubs since the "wars" began in 1972 Mt. Hood has held a big edge as they have won all five contests between the two schools.

The typical story has been that the Saints jump off to an early lead and the Cougars are simply unable to catch up.

The scores: 17-0 in 1972, 14-7 in 1973, 27-14 in 1974, 27-0 in 1975 and 56-12 last year is an indication of how close the games have been.

In 1973, Mt. Hood entered the game with a 5-2 record while the Cougars were 3 and 4.

Mt. Hood jumped off to a quick 14-0 lead and held off a late Cougar rally to win 14-7.

In 1974, the Cougars were on their way to their best season ever as they entered the game with a 4-2-1 mark while the Saints were only 4-4.

However, the Saints jumped to early 17-0 lead as they won 24-14.

In that game, Roy Geiger, who now plays for the University of Oregon, kicked two field goals and three extra points.

In 1975, Brian Valley ran back two pass interceptions for touchdowns as the Saints rolled over Clackamas 27-0.

Last year was perhaps the most highly publicized and perhaps the least indicative of the contest between the schools.

Mt. Hood entered the game as the number one school in the nation and they were riding an 18-game winning streak and were 6-0 on the season. They were also up for consideration for the Junior Rose Bowl game.

Clackamas, on the other hand, was 4 and 2 on the year with a four-game winning streak, including three straight shutouts.

Clackamas faces division leader Mt. Hood

For the Cougars, it was also their last shot of the season at the league-leading Saints as they trailed by two games with only three games remaining in the season.

In total offense, the Cougars trailed Mt. Hood 474 to 393 yards for the game as Pat Moran hit 16 of 31 for 236 yards.

However, turnovers killed the Cougars as Mt. Hood lead at the half 42-0 and ran away with the game 56-12.

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Is there an explanation for this one-sided edge between two teams of generally equal strength?

One explanation is that because of the tremendous support of their administration and their reputation for being the best football program in the state, Mt. Hood is simply that much better than Clackamas.

However, Cougar coach Paul Fiskum said.

"I feel that Mt. Hood has been lucky in their meetings with us. They have to get the right bounce at the right time," Fiskum said.

"Last year, Mark LeRoy was injured and he had been injured before. We have made a couple of tackles that have saved touchdowns."

As for this year, it is much the same as it was last year.

"They have good size and are a very physical ball club. They have a quarterback in Vince Ganley and basically a running ball club," Fiskum said.

Ganley is indeed a strong quarterback. He ranks fourth in passing and first in offense averaging 112 yards a game.

As for their running game, they speak for themselves. In the last year they have gained over 400 yards including 431 yards in just 46 carries at Yakima Valley last Saturday.

Overall, Mt. Hood is third in the league in total offense as they have averaged 330 yards a game.

The Cougars, on the other hand, are off three strong performances in a row and fast becoming one of the strongest teams in the league.

Indeed, Clackamas' performance last Saturday in limiting an offensively strong Walla club to just 114 yards total offense and just 43 yards on 35 carries for the four rushing unit in the league, gives some indication that this year may indeed be a different story.

There also seems to be a feeling around the club that maybe Mt. Hood isn't quite as invincible as in previous seasons and that they can be beaten.

"It will take a super effort, but I believe that this club is certainly capable of a super effort and I therefore think that we have a good chance at beating Mt. Hood this year," Fiskum said.

But what about the Mt. Hood juggernaut? Can the Cougars overcome their seemingly insurmountable problems with turnovers and play errors in football?

We'll just have to wait and see.

Volleyballers prove stature at tourney

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The Clackamas Community College volleyball team ran their record to 11 and 2 last week with victories over Lane Community College, George Fox and a strong second place finish in the Willamette Invitational last Friday and Saturday at Salem.

The Cougars began the week with victories over Lane Community College 15-11, 8-15, and 15-6 and Chemeke- ta CC 15-11 and 15-13 at home.

It was a good effort as Team Captain Tammy Hinds was out with the flu and Betty Simons came in and "did really well in Tammy's position," said coach Mary Rubright.

Against George Fox on Thursday night, the Cougars dropped the first game 9-15 but won the next three 15-8, 15-9, and 15-3 to win going away at Newberg.

"Tammy White did a super job at hitting the ball and our setters Monica Reed and Karen Iames did a great job at holding the team together," said Rubright.

Then came perhaps the Cougars

biggest test of the year as they traveled to Salem to participate in the Willamette Invitational last Friday and Saturday.

The Cougars began their weekend with a tough match against Southern Oregon College's J.V.'s, one of eight participating teams.

Southern Oregon had just defeated the University of Oregon's varsity the previous weekend and the Ducks have finished second in the Northwest for the last three seasons.

However, they weren't ready for what the Cougars threw at them as Clackamas won 15-12, 11-15, and 15-9.

"We did things we as a team have never done before, such as making diving saves and we simply had excellent floor coverage," Rubright said.

The Cougars had trouble getting their momentum going as they squeaked by Willamette 16-14, and 15-8.

Clackamas had little difficulty with OCE's J.V.'s as Monica Reed scored 11 straight points on the first serve of the match as they won going away 15-4, 15-1.

Clackamas next took on and defeat-

ed their arch rival from Mt. Hood as the fired-up Cougars walked away with the first game 15-4 and won the match 15-4, 9-15 and 15-12.

In the final game, the Cougars trailed 12-7 but came back with a total team effort to win 15-12.

Then came Lewis and Clark in the Cougars toughest match of the year.

"Lewis and Clark is to small colleges what Portland State is to four year schools, there are very few teams that can beat them," Rubright said.

Last year Lewis and Clark finished fifth in the national tournament and they showed it as they defeated the nervous Cougars 1-15 and 7-15.

"Despite the loss, the kids were really proud of the way they played and I felt they just did a super job," Rubright said.

"It was a very good experience for the team and we also brought home the first trophy a Clackamas volleyball team has ever won," Rubright said.

"This tournament proved to me one thing, and that's just not me talking, that Clackamas has the best volleyball team at community college level in the Northwest," Rubright said.

