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Men lose squeaker

Clackamas men's basketball team barely lost 84-80 to Concordia last Friday at home. Head Coach Len Tirrill attributes much of their competition to 6-5 Rich Brauer who scored 40 points and rebounded 15.

"Concordia is in a different league," Tirrill said. "It's the first time they've beat us and I think they have a good chance of winning their conference. Brauer is a freshman from Minnesota and he just about destroyed us himself."

The bright spots according to Tirrill were Jeff Nilsen's 25 points and 18 rebounds and Jim Coffman's second half comeback for 21 points. Tirrill also cited Brian Cross who shot 14 crucial points late in the game and rebounded five. Tom Tirrill also had 13 assists.

"We failed to do two things," Tirrill said. "We didn't run the fast break and we didn't move the ball against the zone defense. We shot .382 and they shot .466."

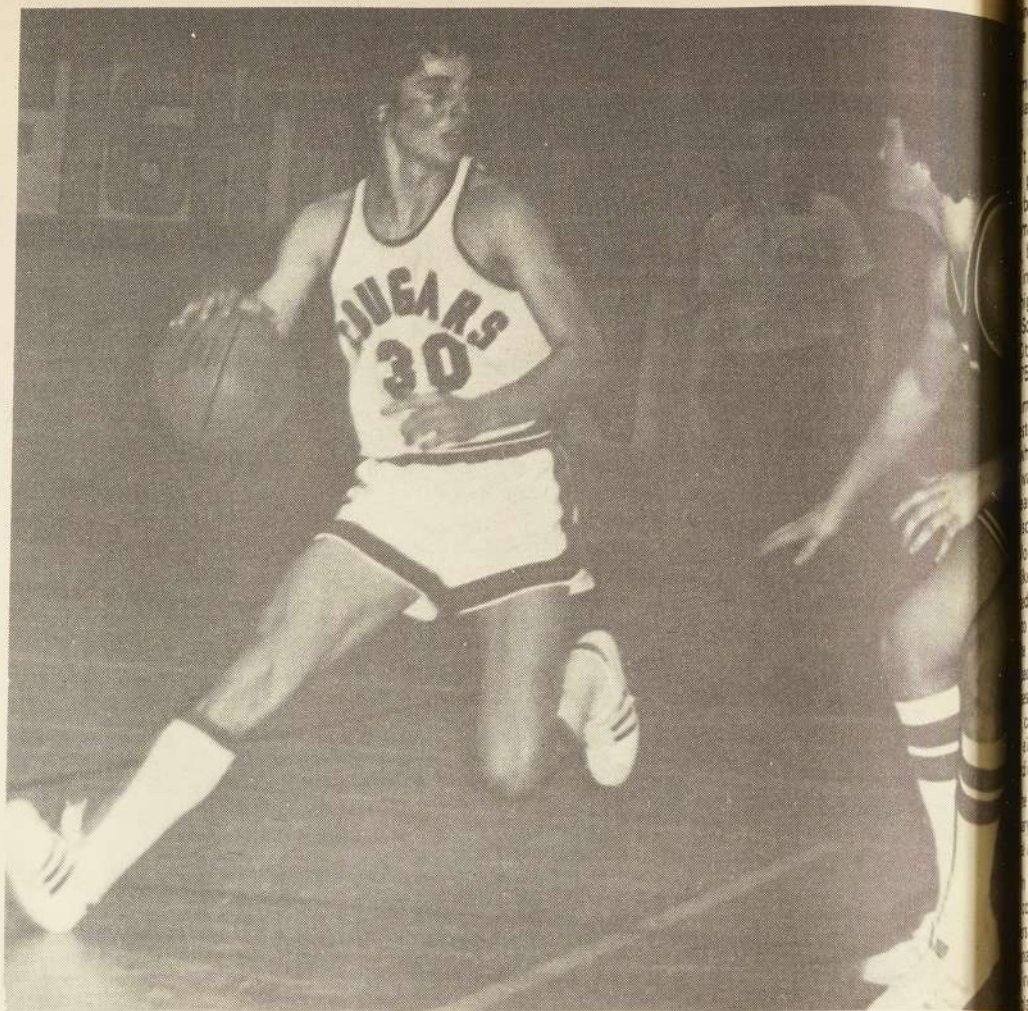
The Cougars also lost 92-91 to Mt. Hood Nov. 19. The game was close throughout with the Saints fending off Clackamas at the final basket attempt.

This Friday and Saturday Clackamas will host the annual Metro Community College Tournament. Mt. Hood, Clark and the Oregon College of Education JV's will attend the competition.

A trophy is awarded to the winner of the tourney. On Friday the games are at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. On Saturday the losers will play at 7 p.m. and the winners at 9 p.m.

Admission is free to CCC students and staff. Passes are available for both sessions at \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. Tickets will also be sold for each night at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Action next week for the Cougars will be against Multnomah School of the Bible.



Jim Coffman handles the ball for Clackamas as he tallied 21 points in the second half against Concordia last Friday. This Friday and Saturday

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Volleyball action over for season

By Randy Frank
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It began as a season that held both doubts and optimism, but in the end it can only be remembered as the best volleyball season in the history of Clackamas Community College.

The doubts and optimism both sprang from the same sources. The Cougars began the 1977 season with only three starters from last year's squad. They also had a new coach, 25-year-old Mary Rubright.

A native of Spokane, Wash., Rubright brought to the team a wealth of volleyball playing experience.

Doubts about the season also arose because the Cougars could only recruit eight players for a sport that usually has a minimum of 12.

"At the beginning of the season, I didn't know what to expect," said Rubright. "I had to look at the numbers and I knew that we would have to be real fundamentally strong because we couldn't afford the luxury of a lot of substitutions."

Because Rubright had to go most of the season with the same players, the "iron woman" image of the Clackamas squad was developed. The squad played with a variety of ailments, including sprained ankles, bad knees, shin

splints and pulled foot tendons.

Despite everything and much to the surprise of almost everyone in the league, the team began to win and win a lot. By the time the team's biggest test came about -- the Willamette University Tournament -- the Cougars had a 9-1 record.

"I knew for the first time after the Willamette Tournament just how good a team we had. I knew that we had a good shot at state and would give the teams at the regionals a run," Rubright said.

In that tournament, Clackamas took second to a very strong team from Lewis and Clark. They won four matches and lost only one.

From then on it was just a matter of waiting for Rubright's prediction to come true. The Cougars defeated strong teams from Treasure Valley, Clark and Mt. Hood en route to a 27-3 overall record. They captured the state crown to advance to the regionals.

In the regional tournament, the Cougars advanced easily to the finals and came up against the only team Rubright felt the team was an underdog to -- Ricks College from Idaho.

However Clackamas was up for the match. They defeated Ricks in four games to advance to the national tournament.

The season ended in a rather disappointing fashion. The Cou-

gars were unable to make their way out of their own five-team pool at nationals. They lost to number two-ranked St. Phillip's (San Antonio, Tex.) 11-15, 6-10 and the third-ranked team in the nation, Mesa Community College (Mesa was the eventual champion).

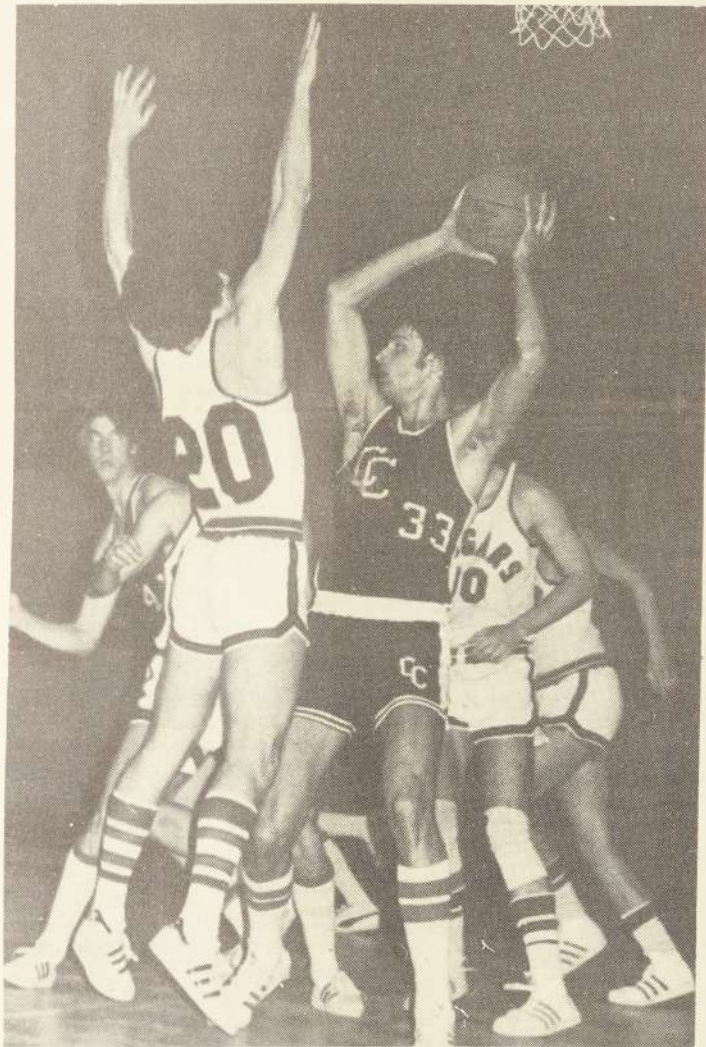
"They could beat Portland State, 8-15 and 2-15," Rubright said.

"Sure it would have been nice to have made it past our first round, but that's the way it happens and there is nothing you can do about it now," Rubright said.

"I was disappointed in losing but I was not disappointed in the way the girls played because for the most part they played very well and I'm very proud of their effort," Rubright said.

Rubright estimated that Clackamas was ranked in the top 20 nationally.

"What made this team so good was the way in which the team bounded together. We had only one real outstanding player and that was Tammy Hinds. The other seven had good all-around skills and they weren't exceptional at any one thing but they could play and that's what held them together," Rubright said.



Brian Smith (20) attempts to stop Concordia player in a recent outing. The men lost at close contest 84-80.

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The gym, weight, exercise rooms and the sauna will be open this Sunday for public use. The facilities will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. From 1 to 3 p.m., volleyball and badminton will be set up and from 3 to 6 p.m. basketball, wrestling and tumbling facilities will be set up.

All equipment is available in the gym except basketballs.

The wrestling team will not compete as a team until Dec. 18 when they will attend the University of Washington tournament.

Illness and injury are preventing the team from starting their season now. They are wrestling as a club, however, to give uninjured players a chance to compete.

Mark Nugen, a CCC sophomore and former cross country member, finished the recent Portland Marathon. He was the only decathlete from the community colleges to compete in the race.

ACU-I tourney to begin

The Association of College Unions International, (ACU-I) sports tournament will begin Jan. 10, 1978.

A participant meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center room 117. Sign-ups start on the first day of classes at the student activities

window in the community center.

Activities will include chess, bridge, billiards(14-1), Table Soccer (foosball) and table tennis. Only members of the bowling team are allowed to compete in the bowling competition, according to Debbie Baker, student activities counselor.

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