

Green Cougar kickers drop two

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The Clackamas Cougars, making their 1978 soccer debut, stumbled offensively before finally falling to the Oregon Institute of Technology, 5-1 Saturday, Sept. 30.

Coach Rich Taylor's kickers, playing on O.I.T.'s home field in Klamath Falls, sputtered most of the afternoon, while O.I.T.'s Romeo Salazar have taught Clackamas a lesson in scoring, firing four goals for the home team. Salazar, from Mexico, single handedly destroyed the Cougars defense with his experience.

"He was really good," Taylor said. "But, he had a lot of experience. At times, he made our defense look bad. But, we

really didn't play that poorly." Clackamas spent most of the game on defense. The inability to move the ball upfield proved fatal for the kickers, as they played seventy-five minutes, out of ninety, in their own third of the field. The play of defensive standouts, Dennis Blauvelt and Ken Froescher, kept Clackamas from being blown out of the contest.

"Those two, plus goalie Tim Titrud played excellent defense the entire game," Taylor said, "Titrud made several outstanding saves."

With the score 3-0, Clackamas came alive on offense. Moving the ball up the field with much more authority than earlier in the game, the Cougars pressured O.I.T. into making some mistakes. Getting

a penalty kick following an illegal substitution by the Owls, Gregorio Manzano, the Cougars right-inside striker, drove the ball past the goal line for Clackamas' only score.

But, the kicker's celebration was short lived, thanks to Salazar. Breaking through Clackamas' four fullback defense, the Owl's striker rifled

his third goal of the game past Titrud. Four minutes later, Salazar finished the scoring with his fourth goal.

"Our lack of experience hurt us again," Taylor said. "We did play better than our game last Wednesday, but we still made some mental mistakes."

Last Saturday, Clackamas traveled to the University of

Oregon for a single contest against a tough and ready Duck team.

The Cougs', however, held their own and were in the game till the very end before losing 3-1.

Smith was impressed with his team's efforts and commented on its improvement.

"The whole team has improved three-hundred per cent since the start of the season," Smith said, "and the amount of improvement last night was incredible."

Naturally with experience the club will improve, but Smith sees a need to work more on defense.

"We used a new defense against U of O and it was obvious we needed more experience using it. Besides, we need to settle on positions. Guys have been playing three or four positions a game, but soon we will go to a set lineup," Smith said.

Once again Manzano was the bright spot on offense as he scored the Cougars only goal.

Clackamas plays Saturday in its first home game of the season.

How good the Clackamas Soccer team is has yet to be seen. Only experience, or lack of it, will tell.



Team prepares for Saturday's home opener

Women's V-ballers overcome start

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Coming off a disappointing opening season loss to Clark Community College on Wednesday, the Clackamas Women's Volleyball team rebounded back this weekend to capture three straight league matches.

The Tuesday loss was an especially disheartening one as Clackamas took the first two games from Clark, 15-11 and 15-14, before falling 2-15, 8-15 and 12-15. But coach Mary Rubright didn't feel the team lost the match.

"Sure we were ahead," Rubright said, "but Clark has an extremely good team. I'm confident we can beat them but it was our first match and everybody played."

On Friday, Clackamas traveled to Pendleton to contest Blue Mountain and Chemeketa in league matches. The team had little trouble with either club as they disposed of Chemeketa 15-10, 15-2, before romping Blue Mountain 15-6, 15-6.

The loss to Clark did take some toll on the women, however, as they started slow against Chemeketa before rebounding back into the match and winning in straight games. But against Blue Mountain it was all Clackamas.

"We started kind of slow against Chemeketa," Rubright said. "But in the Blue Mountain game everybody played well and we seemed to really jell together."

The fact that the Blue Mountain match went so well is especially pleasing to Rubright.

"Blue Mountain has a very strong team and, quite frankly, I was worried," Rubright said, "I knew we would win but we would have to play very well. And we did. Everybody just played fantastic."

On Saturday, Clackamas had to call on all the strength it could master to beat a fired up Lane Community College team.

After losing the first game 11-15, and falling behind in the second 5-10, Clackamas made good the saying, "when the going get's tough, the tough get going."

Rallying behind the consistent serving of Monica Reed, and the aggressive play of Nancy Perkins, Lisa Laurent and Kelly Kosik, Clackamas surged from behind to take the second game 16-14, and the third 15-11. This gutsy effort, coming at a time when it was most needed, encouraged Rubright.

"It's consoling to know that the players you depend on, can come through for you when you need them. Monica never missed a serve all day, and Lisa and Kelly really came through. Nancy too," Rubright said.

Clackamas is now 3-0 in league play and will face Central Oregon Community College and Umpqua, Friday and then travel to Albany, Saturday to meet with Linn-Benton and Southwestern Oregon Community College, in league matches.

Cross-country teams developing

By Kelly Laughlin
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Leandra Baranoga hurried to a first place time with a minute of breath to spare, separating her and second place Lisa Nicke., as the girls cross country team took the Cross Country Classic at McIver Park, near Estacada Saturday.

The starting gun, fired at 1 p.m., prompted "Roger Smith's girls to truck ahead of OCE, Idaho Junior College, and other competitors, and bolster a 22-88 victory over the University of Oregon, considered the team to stop on that day. The University's Lori Alzner turned in third place, which Cougar Mary Hansen, "Miss consistency," said Smith, brought home fourth.

"Mary ran very well," Smith said. "I can almost count on her like the sun coming up,"

With Nickel slating her best run of the season, according to Smith, he thinks his girls are running even better than last year, at this time.

But much like last season, the hard work hasn't really started yet. Smith considers this Saturday's game against Central Oregon his closest challenge.

"We won't be running to whip them," he said. "Ideally,

we'd like to have our girls no more than 1.5 seconds apart toward the middle of the run."

Smith cited this 'bunching up' as a important factor in the strategy of cross country running.

"It's not numbers, but quality that wins the race," he said.

While one might get the impression, by their finish at the classic, that Smith's girls are literally running their hearts out, the workouts, according to Smith, have been low key to date.

"It's too early in the season to start running too hard," he said.

A prime example is Vicki Pattack, who was kept off the track Saturday, due to some hip inflammation.

"Basically, she was just working a little too hard, we hope to have her running by this Saturday," he said.

On Sept. 30, the Clackamas Mens cross-country team traveled to Eugene to run in a meet which featured University of Oregon runners Chapa and Salazar, as well as Joseph Nzau Kenyon of the University of Wyoming. With these kinds of names involved, one might wonder what a small college like Clackamas is doing "messaging with the big boys."

"This was an outstanding

cross-country meet," said assistant coach Les Tipton, "and we competed very well, considering."

Once again Doug Oberst paced the Cougars with a 27 place finish out of a field of 124. Oberst was also the number three finisher out of the community college entries.

Besides Oberst's 27th place, Clackamas placed five other runners in the top 70. Dave Ellison came in 31. Dan Cobine 40, Mark Allen 62, Mark Travis 63, and Joe Rubrecht 69.

Tipton was totally pleased with his team's performance and explained that a meet like this could only aid the club.

"Being at this type of meet is an inspiration to most runners," Tipton said. "Some of the best quality runners in the U. S. were there and Doug, Dave and Joe turned wuper efforts. Also Keith Self showed that he was capable of running the full cross-country distance."

The Cougars are a vastly improving cross-country team with much talent and, this Tipton sees as quite a plus.

"We've been getting guys like Mark Allen and Mark Travis doing big things in a tough meet like this and that is definitely a good sign," Tipton said.

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