

# Women tie for title

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The Cougar women's volleyball team swept four league matches at home this weekend and wound up in a tie with Lane Community College for first place. The tie means Clackamas and Lane will both advance to the state and regionals as co-champions of their league.

On Friday the Cougars once again played havoc on the skills of Central Oregon Community College, who Clackamas defeated twice but a week earlier, by winning once more 15-5, 12-15 and 15-8.

The first game of the match went easily with Nancy Perkins supplying most of the punch.

"Nancy's hitting and blocking were the key in that game," Coach Mary Rubright said. "She really went to the ball well and that paced our attack."

After a brief letdown in the second game, Kelly Kosik did some hitting and blocking of her own and in the process sparked the victory.

"Kelly was real aggressive in that game," Rubright said. "She sparked the team and

picked us up when we really needed it."

In Friday's second game, a total team effort resulted in an easy victory as the Cougs mauled Umpqua Community College 15-0, 15-9.

"No one person stood out in that match, and that's what I like to see," Rubright said. "We played team ball and usually when we do that we win."

Southwestern Oregon Community College and Linn-Benton invaded Cougar court Saturday, but with little luck. Clackamas had some trouble in defeating SWOCC 15-6, 6-15 and 15-13, but Linn-Benton provided little competition as they fell to the merciless Cougars 15-9, 15-2.

Lisa Laurent and Monica Reed, Clackamas' two setters, played very aggressive and Rubright noted this as the key versus SWOCC.

"These two girls don't get a lot of recognition but their play usually determines the outcome of our matches," Rubright said. "Against SWOCC their setting and hustle were the major factors in our success."

Against Linn-Benton, the Cougars simply showed their superiority over the unprepared visitors and Rubright commented, once again, on the whole team's performance.

"Linn-Benton didn't apply too much pressure but we did play pretty well as a whole," Rubright said.

The Cougars play a warm-up match against Linn-Benton today at Linn-Benton, before leaving tomorrow for Treasure Valley and the state and regional championships, slated for Friday and Saturday.

"It's hard to say how we'll do, because we don't know who we'll face, but I would say our biggest threat would have to be Lane or Ricks Community College," Rubright said. "I have no predictions so we're just going to wait and see."

Regardless of the outcome, the Cougars have had a considerable season with the amount of new talent that had to be broken-in, but anything short of what Rubright feels is the team's potential, would be a letdown.

"All I can ask is that we do our best," Rubright said.



Photo by John Bosserman

Womens' Volleyball team demonstrates winning form.

# Reed playing for fun of it

Fun. That's what Monica Reed is having a lot of this year. Reed, sophomore from Colton High School, is team captain of Clackamas' women's volleyball team.

In a time when collegiate athletics have become very serious, Reed concentrates on enjoying herself, rather than letting the pressure get her down.

"I just play for fun," said the 19-year old setter. "I really enjoy it. Especially, when it is the only sport I can play."

Reed has limited mobility because of collapsed arches in her feet.

"I really can't do much running, and a lot of the other sports require that kind of movement," she said.

Reed, who has been playing volleyball since her sophomore year at Colton, is the only returning player from last year's squad. She sets from the back row of the Cougars multiple offense and her "take charge" sort of attitude gives some of the younger players the opportunity to turn to her during pressure situations.

"Some of the younger girls look to me for support," said Reed. "But, not all of them do."

Reed has no immediate plans to attend a four year school after graduation from CCC. "If someone offers me a scholarship, then I'll probably take it," she said. "But, I work full-time and enjoy my job. So, we'll just have to wait and see how things work out."

As evident by CCC's 12-2 record, Reed's experience has proved vital in leading the Cougars to the top spot in the OCCAA conference. Recent wins over Linn-Benton and Southwestern Oregon have prepped Clackamas for the regional tournament this weekend at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. CCC needs a first place finish to win a spot in the national tournament in Maryland.

"I haven't set many individual goals this year," offered Reed. "But, on the team level, we really want to go to nationals."

Reed sees Clackamas winning at regionals "only if we

play as a team." That will be up to the younger players, who Reed feels must perform well in order for CCC to win.

"If we play like we can as a team," said the tiny red head.

"We can be very, very good."

Much of the teams success, according to Reed, is due to Mary Rubright, women's head coach.

"She's one of the reasons I

decided to come back," she said. "Mary is a great coach. She makes volleyball fun."

And, as long as volleyball is fun to play, Monica Reed will enjoy being a part of it.

# Pair gain national spots

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The Cougar men's cross country team lost a chance at national status Saturday, when Lane Community College ran away from the pack and captured both the state and regional titles. Clackamas finished third in the regionals but did not qualify for the trip to the nationals.

Following Lane's 33 points in the regional race was Northern Idaho with 98; Clackamas 99; Ricks Community College 105; Southern Idaho 106; Umpqua Community College 142; Central Oregon 151; Linn-Benton 178; Southwestern 293; and Chemeketa 293.

The Cougars were not without some consolation, however, as Dave Ellison and Doug Oberst qualified for the nationals by finishing 4 and 7,

respectively.

"Dave and Doug did an exceptional job," Coach Buck Monroe said. "But overall I think it was a poor team effort."

Jario Correa, who ran for Columbia, Africa, in the 1976 Olympics, finished first for Southern Idaho while Dave Magnes of Lane came in second. But Monroe felt that if some of his runners had performed up to potential, the Cougs could have been in it.

"We figured on Mark Allen and Dan Cobine finishing higher," Monroe said. "If they had, it could have been different. But they did what they could."

Mark Travis finished 23 and was followed by Cougars Cobine, 31 and Duke Hughes, 34 while Mark Allen and Keith Self finished lower in the pack.

Monroe commented on Travis' and Hughes' performance.

"Mark and Duke did a real good job and I was pleased, but Mark Allen had one of his worst races and Dan (Cobine) had a sore leg," said Monroe. "It's just a shame."

"I'm not satisfied with the way we ran at all," Monroe said. "It was a bad effort. But there were a lot of real fine runners there and Lane just ran way over their heads. With all the pressure and talent, well, you've really got to hand it to them, Lane ran a great race."

For the rest of the Cougar team the season is over and all they can do is wait until next year, but for Ellison and Oberst it's on to the nationals and a chance at nationwide recognition.

"I wish them all the luck in the world," Monroe said, "and I'll help as much as I can. I'm sure they'll do well."

## Interest invited

The College faculty and staff is forming an intramural volleyball league on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This activity is co-educational and teams will either be formed or persons can form their own.

Anyone interested can contact Mary Rubright for further details, at 656-2631, ext. 294.

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