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## New faces join Cougar women

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There will be many new faces this year for the Clackamas women's basketball team and these new faces make up what coach Nancy Mikleton terms, "Some of the best talent we've had at Clackamas."

With only two returning players, the Cougars look to be inexperienced, but Mikleton believes that the addition of much new talent, even though it is still too early to know for sure, should more than make up for the inexperienced personnel.

"We have a lot of new people," Mikleton said, "but there is a lot of talent coming in and so I'm pretty optimistic about the season."

Tami White, last year's team's best offensive player with an 11.8 points per game average, and Cindy Kirkpatrick, last year's best defensive player and team leader in steals and assists, are the Cougs' only returners. Mikleton will look to them for leadership as well as performance.

Tami and Cindy are sophomores and good players and so they will be depended

on to lead," said Mikleton. "I think they will be able to handle those roles."

Mikleton, however, is also expecting good performances out of the newer players.

"We have some good talent coming in from the cross-country and volleyball teams and I'm expecting a lot from those players," Mikleton said. "They are already in good condition from their previous sport and that certainly helps."

Three such players are Mary Manley, Lisa Laurent and Nancy Perkins, all members of the Cougar volleyball team and exceptional basketball players as well.

"Mary, Lisa and Nancy are going to help out alot," said Mikleton. "Mary was her teams M.V.P. at Tigard and Lisa was also a real good player at Clackamas High School. Lisa has a bad knee right now but we don't anticipate much problem there. Of course Nancy will really help, not only because of her size (6'1), but because she played an excellent post at Sandy," Mikleton said.

Julie Larkins, who ran for Clackamas' national cross-country team as well as playing basketball for Forest Grove last year, will add to the Cougars' versatility.

"Julie can play either guard or swing forward and that makes her pretty valuable," said Mikleton. "I've been pretty impressed by her play so far."

Lisa Raab and Debbie Syring, who played with Tami White while at Centennial High School, should also add to the team's over-all depth.

"Lisa and Debbie are real good all-around players," said Mikleton. "They look like they've been coached real well and that always makes my job easier."

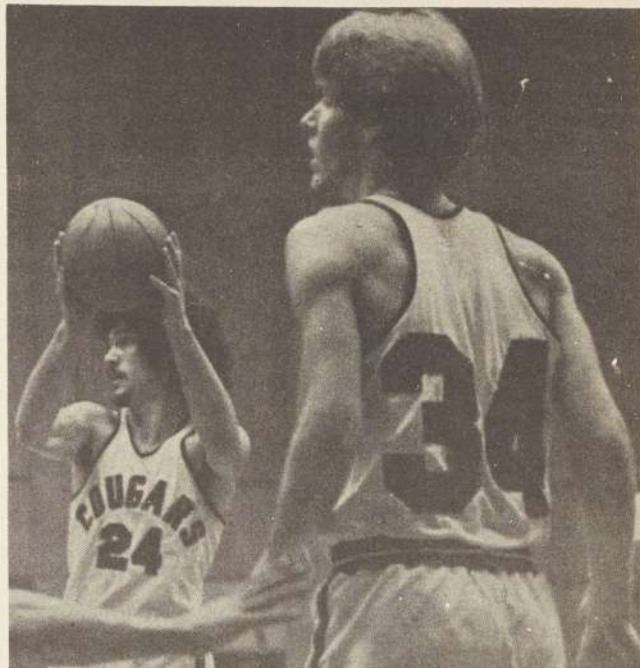
Dana Folmsbee, from Tillamook's championship team, has also made a good impression on Mikleton.

"Dana has a lot of natural ability and adds to our depth considerably," said Mikleton. "She has potential."

Of course, it is still too early for a prediction but Mikleton does feel confident.

"This team has the most depth of any I've ever coached at Clackamas," said Mikleton. "I'm not sure yet how we match up against the other teams in our league, but we should do well. Our keys will be attitude and working together, and how much we can excel in both."

The attitude Mikleton speaks of is an everpresent factor in any team's success and Mikleton feels it will be no hin-



Dan Slick and Alan Clevinger look for much needed help. More on the Cougars woes on page 10.  
Photo by Kelly Laughlin

derance to her team.

"Right now we are still jelling and getting to know each other," said Mikleton, "So it's pretty hard to say how our attitude will be but I'm sure that once we start to know what to expect from each other, the attitude of the team will be a good one. Right now it's about what you would expect at this point in the season."

"It's still too early to make any predictions but I will say I'm optimistic," said Mikleton of the team's chances. "Linn-Benton and Lane are going to be tough to beat, as usual, and I'm sure some of the other teams have improved so it's

certainly not going to be a cakewalk."

The Cougars have a scrimmage tomorrow and next Wednesday versus the Willamette J.V.'s and Mt. Hood before beginning their regular season Dec. 20 when they travel to Longview, Washington for the Lower Columbian Christmas tourney. The Cougs will then host the Clackamas holiday tournament Dec. 28 -29 with starting times at 5:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"It would sure be nice to get some support for our tournament," said Mikleton. "It promises to be a good one."

## Knights trip Dancers in finals

Special to The Print

Football is back at CCC. Or, it appeared to be last Thursday when the June Taylor Dancers battled Big Mac's Scarlet Knights for the intramural championship. The game, played in a cold rain on the old Cougar field, wasn't much of a contest as the Scarlet Knights embarrassed Taylor's Dancers, 74-0 (yes, 74-0).

Realistically, it didn't match up to be much of a contest in the first place. The Scarlet Knights, featuring four ex-high school All Americans and four All-League selections, are without a doubt the finest football team to ever play at CCC, intramural or inter-collegiate. There is no question as to where they should be on New Year's Day--in Pasadena playing U.S.C. for the national championship. As for the Dancers, well, rumor has it they'll be at the Rose Bowl, too--dancing in the parade.

Led by Steve McPherson, Bob "Lynn Swann" Simril, and Ron "Heisman" Northcutt, the Knights swept through the

season undefeated, outscoring their opponents 204-6 in five games.

Offensively, the champs featured a variety of formations, including the veer, wishbone, and USC-I. Northcutt, an All-Star receiver from Newberg, Simril, an All-Star quarterback-defensive back from Grant, McPherson, an All-State quarterback from Central Catholic, along with John Killeen, wide receiver from Lakeridge, the Scarlet Knights rushed and passed for over 5,000 yards. Also, fullback Wayne Snoderly from Wilson made excellent contributions.

Defensively, the winners were nothing short of devastating. Led by the front line of Randy Rider, Perry Miles and Jeff McCall, All-Stars from Canby, the Scarlet Knights shut out their last four opponents.

In the final, the Knights intercepted 10 passes, four by McPherson and two by Northcutt. Each of them returned one for a touchdown in the first half and Simril scored twice to

stake the Knights to a 35-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, two touchdowns by Snoderly, a TD by McCall and the option execution of QBs Simril and McPherson were just too much for the Dancers, coached by Miles and Rider, plus the blit-

zing of Killeen, foiled all hopes of a Dancer comeback.

Everything the Scarlet Knights tried to do seemed to work. Had the game been soccer, Taylor's Dancers might have had a chance as they spent most of the afternoon trying to catch the ball with

their heads and feet, instead of using their hands.

In the end, everyone was smiling. Taylor's men laughed at the joke of a game while the Scarlet Knights spent most of the evening laughing at the jokers who said they played football.



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