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By Mark McNeary

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"We simply were not mentally ready for this game, were the words Coach Len Tirrill used to describe the Clackamas men's basketball loss to Southwestern Oregon Community Colege at Randall

Gym Saturday night.

The Cougars, after slipping by a tough Linn-Benton ball club Friday by a score of 87-76, and upping their league record to 2-0, had a chance to take over sole possesion of first place Saturday when they met SWOCC. But it just wasn't to be. Despite valiant efforts by Johnny Williams, Dan Slick and Tom Tirrill, the Cougs fell victim to their own mental block in losing 81-79.

'We were not psyched up and not ready mentally, Tirrill 'Not only that, we failed to do the three things we had hoped to do before the game. We didn't go to our running game early, we didin't set the tempo of the game, and we just stood around on defense."

without some bright spots. however, as Johnny Williams popped in a season high 20 points to lead the team in scoring. Dan Slick and Tom Tirrill also added 16 points in the losing cause. Slick was team high in rebounds with 14.

night Clackamas Friday night Clackamas lookedc like a completely dif-ferent team, however. Using aggresive type of game plan, the cougs completely outplayed host Linn-Benton in grabbing the victory

"We played well in every department of the game," said Tirrill. "Not only did we play as a team, but we played a very intense game. We pressured them well and in the end they gave way to that pressure," he said.

Once again Dan Slick played a good all-around game as he scored a career high 34 points and also tallied 16 rebounds. Williams also played well in the game as he hit for 19 points and collected 14 rebounds.

Saturday, it would have been a perfect weekend for the team, but Tirrill offered no excuses

"There just isn't any excuse for it," he said. "Sure, SWOCC is a good team but, as usual, we should have beaten them. We still don't have any one player who is playing good in every outing. We only play team ball in spurts and that's the only time we look like we should," said Tirrill.

Clackamas is still in the thick of things, though, and Tirrill thinks that with the right mental attitude, they might be able to pull it off.

"I'm not one to predict, but we are capable of winning if we can just play up to potential and keep our heads on straight. Our success right now depends on our mental attitude and how well we get ready for good competition," he said.

Earlier in the month the

Cougars had gotten their league schedule off to a good start by

Community College in Bend, 89-76.

This week Clackamas will play two league games as they at 8 p.m. before facing

pqua community Coll Roseburg Saturday night

Hoopsters grad weekend wins

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Led by the all-around play of Tami White, the Clackamas women's basketball team upped their record to 3-0 this dumping Linnweekend. Benton Friday in Albany, and Southwestern Oregon Com-munity College Saturday at home.

On Friday, White scored 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to aid the Cougars in whalloping Linn-Benton 63-47. Saturday White scored another 15 points and grabbed incredible 19 rebounds as SWOCC fell prey to the Cougs' offensive onslaught. Clackamas drilled the Southern Oregon team 63-42.

"Tami played real well this weekend," said Coach Nancy Mikleton. "She scored well and did an outstanding job on the boards. Her game has really picked up, especially offen-

sively.

Against Linn-Benton, the Cougars started slow as they fell behind early, but they soon got on track and came back lead 24-22 at the half. Clackamas then outscored the host team, 39-25, in the second half to clinch the vicin the

"We started slow but we did a good job of coming back," said Mikleton. "In the second half we gained some momentum by making a few steals which led to some break-away baskets. That helped up a lot.

Dana Folmsbee collected eight of those steals which led to baskets. Cindy Kirkpatrick and Debbie Syring also had

three each.
Besides White's 15 points, Debbie Syring pitched in with 12. Kirkpatrick, Nancy Perkins, and Folmsbee scored nine. eight, and seven points respectively.
"We had some pretty balan

red scoring in this game and that is a promising sign. We starting to play as a team more We really played well, Mikleton said.

Saturday the Cougar ted fast and then co they jumped to a 36time lead in beating Si Clackamas dominated the first half was able to play some team members with playing time. SWI however, outscored the 31-27 in the second half.

We let up in that se half," said Mikleton. play some of the other who don't play much b still should have been a keen the heat on.

Scoring was blanced or Kirkpatrick's 14 point Perkins' nine. Mary M and Syring also hit for each. Perkins pulled down rebounds to add to he Friday's game while List pulled down nine carons

Clackamas, who is le the league in field goal pe tage, shot over 40 percen the floor in the two g Mikleton, however, do room for improvement charity stripe

"Our free throw pero isn't as good as our field percentage," she said." could bring up our per in that area we could restarting to gell."

In the Cougars' first ke game a few weeks ago, 0 Kirkpatrick scored a high, 22 points, and fed o seven assists as Clad downed Central Community College, 78-5

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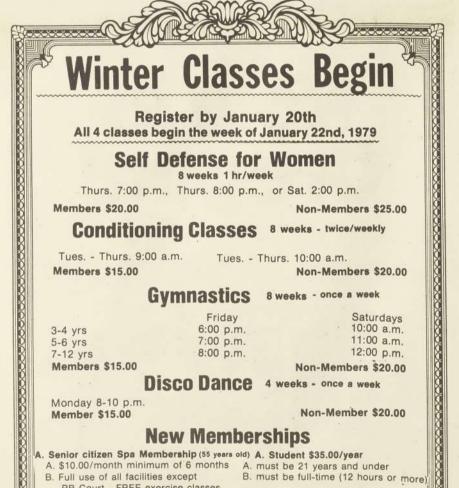
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