



Cougar team member eyes the bucket in last week's action. Photo by Kelly Laughlin

Slippery fingers plague Cougars on the courts

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After losing a tough one on Wednesday, the Clackamas women's basketball team played "their best half of basketball of the season" on Friday to claim victory.

On Wednesday the Cougs were plagued by that old nemesis by the name of "Slippery R. Fingers," as the women threw the ball away a total of 38 times to Blue Mountain. Not only did the Cougs throw away the ball, but also the game as they fell 48-34.

"Turnovers were a big factor in the game," said Cougar mentor Nancy Mikleton. "Also our free throws were a significant factor; we hit 10 of 21 but the ones we missed made the difference."

Clackamas hit only on 12 of 53 shots from the field in comparison to visiting Blue Mountain's 14 of 45 and, while neither team shot that well from the floor, Blue Mountain's 20 points scored at the foul line made the difference.

The Cougars were led in scoring by Cindy Kirkpatrick and Nancy Perkins who scored 10 and nine points respectively while Liz Cahill pumped for 13 to lead Blue Mountain.

Clackamas once again controlled the game on the inside

as they out-rebounded their opponents 55-52 with Tammy White grabbing 11 and Perkins 10.

Despite the somewhat lopsided score the Cougars were in the game at the half when they trailed by only four, 21-17.

"The first half we were in it," Mikleton said. "We played pretty well, but in the second half we sort of fell apart."

After playing one of their worst halves of the season, the CCC pistols came back on Friday to exhibit their best half of the season as they ran, and then coasted, to an easy 62-48 win over Central Oregon.

"It was our best half of basketball of the season," Mikleton said. "We used all of our players well and it was a total team effort. Every one on the floor played well and unselfishly and we were definitely happy with the game."

Indeed the Cougars did play as a team as their balanced scoring attack, something which has become somewhat of a trademark for the team, indicates. Mary Manley led the charge with 16 points and was followed by White's 15, Lisa Laurent's eight, Perkin's seven, and Debbie Syring and Dana Folmsbee's six each.

Not only did Clackamas outscore the COCC squad but, as

usual, they outrebounded them as well 48-46. White pulled down 11 caroms while Perkins had eight.

The win put the Cougars record in league at 5-3, still the thick of the race. Mikleton feels that with the amount of improvement and consistency the team has shown, they could be right in the thick of things when it comes time for the playoffs.

"Mary (Manley), Tammy (White), Lisa (Laurent) and Cindy (Kirkpatrick) have all been playing pretty consistently these past few weeks," she said. "Nancy Perkins has really been gaining confidence on offense lately and has also been strong on the boards. Right now I can use eight people who are equally effective during the course of a game," said Mikleton.

Tonight CCC will once again face Blue Mountain at Pendleton in a game which Mikleton sees as a key to the rest of the week.

"I'm optimistic that if we play anywhere close to what we did in the COCC game we will win," she said.

After tonight's contest the Cougs will be at home to face Linn-Benton on Friday, then back on the road Saturday for a game with Southwestern Oregon in Coos Bay.

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Wrestlers eye coming meets

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Wrestling coach Norm Berney is reluctant to retain even a twinge of jubilation toward his grapplers' impressive 7-1-1 record. With one eye on the grindstone, at local matches, Berney will never take the other off state and regional bouts. Just call it his competitive nature.

With Berney's high goals in mind, the men's wrestlers dislocated the hopes of nine other teams in the Mt. Hood tourney last Saturday. The Clackamas gladiators slated 89.25 points in front of second place Pacific Lutheran University. Umpqua posted third place with 48 points while Central Oregon, Berney's predicted rival, came in with a shabby 43.75 total.

Of the 15 wrestlers who trekked to Mt. Hood Community, 10 brought home the gratitude that accompanies trophy hardware. In the 126-pound class, Perry Miles came home a champ, while Dana Dunn, Tim Jones, and John Waldorp repeated the effort in

their respective divisions. Second-place finishers in the tournament were Darve Trammal and Dale Marcourt.

Taking home third place trophies were 167-pound Craig Groner, 177-weight Craig Wallace, followed by Dale Rebelki and Rich Smith.

The previous day, CCC swatted the likes of SWOC college, 45-0. Though the Clackamas wrestlers were blessed with a 25-point spread of three forfeits in the 118-134 and 177 pound divisions, Berney speculated that the loss would have come just as readily. The forfeits were due to injury.

With the two added wins in history, an improvement in the attitude of the wrestlers has become evident. Currently the team is gearing up for state competition here, a week from Friday. On the Saturday preceding state, the champions of the tournament will grapple with the champions of the Washington state competition held the same day. According to Berney, "The whole season rests right here."

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