

Raquetball on the rise

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sees the game as a sport anyone can play.

Raquetball is an up and coming sport, to say the least, and this intense interest in the sport, whether it local or nationwide, has prompted an increase in facilities to accommodate raquetball fans.

"Raquetball is so much easier than tennis to play," said Hutt. "Even if you are not athletically inclined you can come down and get together with someone of your own ability and have fun. Any housewife can play."

Locally the Milwaukie Raquetball Club, just off McLoughlin Blvd., is doing a good job of providing such facilities for avid ball-pounders. CCC itself offers classes at MRC on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 a.m.

Not only is the game fun, but it is as good for you as Cheerios when played regularly.

Bobbie Hutt, manager of Milwaukie Raquetball Club,

"It's a very good conditioning sport because it does involve a lot of movement," said Hutt. "But you do have to come down and play regularly to get anything out of it. Just like any other sport it takes repetition to get condition."

Although exact figures are not available, MRC, which has been open for two years now, carries quite a few members.

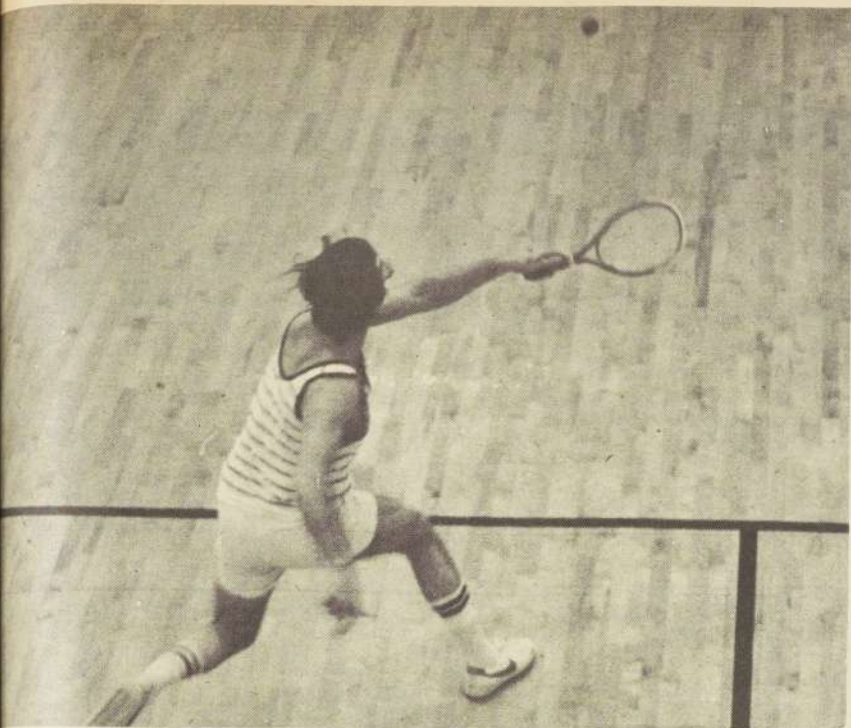
"We have a very good size membership and one reason is we are well accommodated to meet their needs," said Hutt.

Not only does MRC furnish the courts, but also a weight room and sauna, as well as the usual locker room for its patrons.

"A lot of people make use of the saunas and weight room, as well as the whirlpools which we have for both men and women members," Hutt said.

Rates for students are more than fair at MRC as they pay a yearly rate of \$35 in comparison to the individual regular rate of \$60 and the family rate of \$90 per year. However, with the high amount of membership now registered, courts at MRC must be reserved.

So if you're looking for something to do in your spare time, or can't seem to get the hang of your tennis game, go ahead and try raquetball. After all, if any housewife can do it, why not you?



Clackamas student returns shot at Milwaukie Raquetball Club. Photo by Pat Carlson

Male Cagers split in league

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The Clackamas men's cagers were .500 for the week, suffering a disappointing loss to Blue Mountain on Wednesday, Feb. 7, and coming back on Friday to capture a 97-90 victory over COCC.

Against Blue Mountain, Clackamas went into the locker room at the half with a 42-39 advantage. Clackamas then ran into some difficulty as they were outgunned in the second half, 36-22, and virtually gave the game away. The Cougars were eight for 18 from the line while Blue Mountain hit on 19 of 28, which really tells the story in a nutshell.

In the second half we were outplayed and did not play with enough intensity on offense," said Coach Len Tirrill. "The free throw line was a problem for us," he added.

Dan Slick led the Cougars with 14 points and also pulled down 11 rebounds. Tom Tirrill and Mark Schroder added 12 points, while Randy Worsch pulled down 10 rebounds.

In Friday's contest the Cougars were able to hold off a

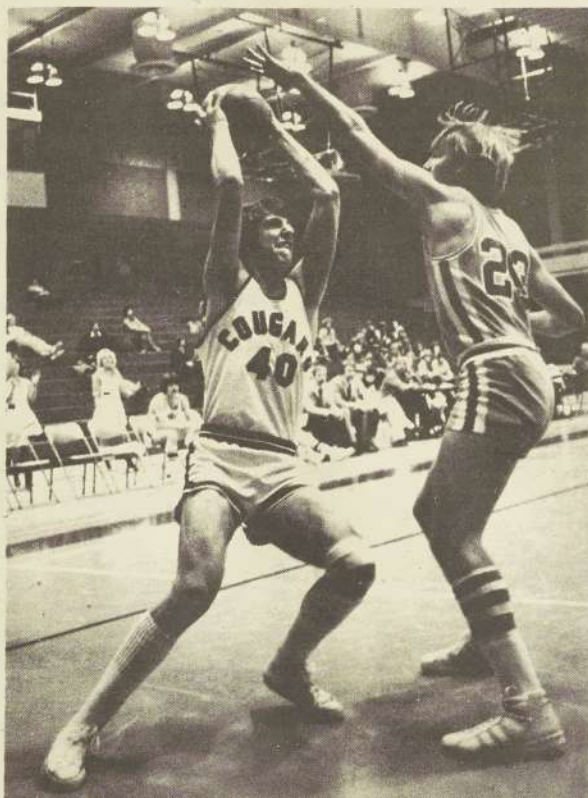
strong second half threat from COCC to hang on to a 97-90 win.

It was a complete turn around on Friday night as the CCC men were outscored from the field but were able to win the game from the free throw line, hitting about 80 percent from the charity stripe. Coach Tirrill felt that the team probably played their best overall basketball of the year in the first half of that game.

Dan Slick lead the way with 28 points and also yanked down 11 rebounds. Randy Worsch was second for the Cougs with 18 while Tom Tirrill and Johnny Williams each had 16. Williams also had 12 rebounds. David Brumley lead COCC with 21 points in a losing effort.

The Cougar men are now one game below .500 in league at four wins and five losses.

In action this week the Cougars will travel to Pendleton to play Blue Mountain again tonight and will be back home on Friday for a tough game with Linn-Benton. Tip off for both league games will be 8 p.m.



Glen Johndohl pulls up for a jumper in Wednesday's loss. Photo by Kelly Laughlin

Basketball for all

The College Intramural basketball program is in full swing with games being played every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. and noon in Randall Gym. There are six teams in the league so far with two games being played at 11 a.m. and one at noon on contest days.

The league features some very good talent with Jeff Johnson, formerly of the college's men's team and a standout at Clackamas High School, as well as some very good off-the-wall talent.

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