



Tom Tirrill attempts shot as Dan Slick, (right), looks on. The pair played their final game for the Cougs Saturday night.

Cougar men end disappointing season with two losses

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The 1979 campaign ended on a sour note for the CCC men cagers when they dropped two interconference games last week. On Wednesday, the men were outgunned by Chemeketa, 104-90, and on Saturday they dropped a 106-92 decision to Lane CC at Randall Hall.

In Wednesday night's contest Chemeketa's Eric Bailey and Rick Koxsen combined for 49 points to lead the Chiefs past the Cougars. Glen John-dahl was high man for Clackamas with 23 points, Johnny Williams was next with 15. In Saturday's 14 point loss to Lane CC, CCC's own Dan Slick took high point honors with 25. Tom Tirrill was second for the Cougars, netting 17 while assisting on 10 others.

Jeff Hansen led the Titans with 23 points.

The Cougars finished the season with four wins and 12 losses in the league and an overall mark of six and 21, not very impressive by any standards. But often a win-loss record does not reflect the total picture of a basketball season, or a total basketball program for that matter. At the community college level, coaches are faced with tough recruiting duty on limited budgets and must somehow persuade talented high school athletes that their schools have something to offer, according to Coach Len Tirrill.

The CCC coach has already started his recruiting season and will be looking for some height and some people who can play defense, as he felt these were the team's

weaknesses this year. "Our top priority for next season will be big people and people who can play some defense," he said. Tirrill stressed the attainment of some big personnel would be at the top of the recruiting objectives list. "If there is a 6'11" boy from New Zealand who wants to play basketball at Clackamas we will try and get him," Tirrill quipped.

Tom Tirrill, Clackamas' starting-point guard for the past two years, and Dan Slick, the Cougars' leading scorer this year and last, were presented awards in Saturday's league finale.

Tirrill finished his career at Clackamas as the all-time leader in total assists, while Slick finished as the leading scorer in the Cougar record book as he compiled the most total points of any previous player.

Trammal, Groner to nationals

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The men's wrestling squad ended up fourth at regional competition in Roseburg last weekend behind third place Harbor, Ricks college, number-one Idaho State, freshman Darvin Trammal, sophomore grappler Craig Groner leave for Minnesota to compete for national titles.

Although the team's hopes for a national championship show history, two nervous anxious gappers have been refining their technique for ultimate competition.

Trammal, a husky, 126-pounder, ended up second at regionals behind 23-year-old Edward Snook of North Idaho. Groner placed third against Hills of North Idaho.

According to Coach Norm Berney, two individuals, both key men on the wrestling squad, were disqualified due to disciplinary actions, "breakin' trainin'."

"But our freshmen wrestled really well," Berney said. "Perry Miles ended up fourth, Rich Smith, Craig Wallace, a sophomore was fourth. We would have placed higher if the two individuals would have been there, but reality was that

they weren't and with eight guys there, you can't expect to do as well as you had hoped."

Darvin Trammal, a wiry, quick freshman grappler, lost at regionals to the number-one seed in the nation: 23-year-old Ed Snook. "My goal is to make it to the finals against Ed Snook," Trammal said. "I wasn't ready for him at regionals. He made me look like a Raggedy Ann doll out there. I was stiff, and didn't wrestle anywhere near my potential. Now I'm working, trying to keep weight so I don't lose so much water and be tired. At regionals I felt sick. This time I'm not so far out of

weight as I was last time. There I was skinny as a rail. Craig and I are really excited," he said.

Craig Groner, a soft-spoken but effective matman, made it to nationals last year. He talked about how his outlook has changed on this significant match.

"Last year I didn't make it to finals. In fact, when I got there, I thought, 'this is it.' I didn't try all that hard. I was warned

about it. People said, 'Don't think just because you're here that it's all over.' But I was overwhelmed by being there. When you get back there you know, and they have the big band and everything, and all the people, you say to yourself, 'Wow! What am I doing here?'

This year, if I want it bad enough, I have just as good a chance for a title as anyone else," Groner said.

Women split final two

Clackamas' women hoop- ended their season last week with a loss and a win, ending their final league record at 6-6, fourth place in the OCC.

On Wednesday the Cougars lost to Chemeketa Community College in Salem, 81-57. In the meantime, Clackamas players, Tammy White, Nancy Perkins, Lisa Raab, fouled out. Not only did three of the Cougs' star players foul out but most of the team had their share of technical fouls as well. Clackamas had 31 hacks called on them in comparison to 13 for the host.

"They shot 38 free throws to 11," Coach Nancy Perkins said. "If the officiating had been closer, we could have done a lot better."

Manley paced the team on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1979

Clackamas' attack with 15 points and was followed in the scoring column by Lisa Laurent who had 14. Nancy Perkins yanked down 12 rebounds to lead the Cougs on the boards. Chemeketa was the first club to outrebound Clackamas all year as they pulled down 68 caroms to the Cougars' 54.

Friday the Cougs came home to play their final match of the year versus Lane Community College and were successful in achieving a final victory as they won 43-37.

The women shot 36.5 percent from the field in the game and played extremely good defense while attaining the league victory which put them over the .500 mark.

"We played good defense as is indicative of the score," Mickleton said. "They didn't

get good shots and when they did, they only got one."

Nancy Perkins had her best scoring output of the season as she hit for 14 points while Tammy White, the sixth leading scorer in the conference, added 10, Lisa Laurent had 11, and Debbie Syring eight. Perkins also led the team in rebounding with 12.

While the top two teams in the conference will go on to the regional playoffs, the season is over for the Cougs.

"Overall, the kids did a fine job," Mickleton said. "We had real even talent and played as a team. Nancy Perkins showed a lot of improvement over the season and Tammy White was a real consistent player. Cindy Kirkpatrick was our leader and she played consistent, also. I think we have a lot of potential for next year," she added.

sports notes

The intramural program at Clackamas came to an end Tuesday when the tournament finals were played. Ron Northcutt's team defeated the staff in a game which was tight all the way to win the intra-mural league championship.

Northcutt's team had made it to the finals by beating the number one offensive and defensive team in the league, Gary Baunes' hoopsters, last week in overtime.

In the final, Northcutt's team used balanced scoring and good defense to beat a sur-

prisingly tough staff team, 60-56. Brad Roberts scored 13 points to lead the squad while Steve McPherson and Tim Mufferbyer added 12 each.

The staff was led by the torrid performance of Paul Fiskum who hit for 14 points in the first half to keep his team in the game and then eight more in the second half for a total of 22 big ones. Dan Connell also had a good game for the staff as he bombed in 17. The staff defeated Perkins' Cagers in overtime in the semi-finals, also last week.



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