

Men's basketball Kiser new cager coach

By Brian Rood
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Every year about this time, even though the football season is still in full swing, we are bombarded with pre-season predictions of every sort reminding us that the collegiate basketball season is once again upon us. And although you may not find CCC atop Playboy's pre-season top 20, the hopes and goals that accompany the players of a team before the season are the same for the players at any level.

The 1979-80 season will open with some new faces on the scene, both on the coaching and player ends of the spectrum. Taking over as the Cougar mentor will be former University of Portland assistant, Royce Kiser. Kiser, who also coached at Tigard High as the head man for three years before his one year stay at U of P, will be taking over for Len Tirrill who stepped down after last season. During Tirrill's four-year stay, the Cougs compiled a league record of 30 wins against 36 defeats and an overall mark of 48 and 67.

Because Kiser did not

receive the job until the spring of 1979, his recruiting did suffer to some extent. Kiser noted, "By the time I got the job here, Mt. Hood had already signed their players and had them in the paper."

Although the Cougar mentor may have suffered somewhat of a recruiting setback, he had about 40 players turn out for the squad. In fact, Kiser had enough players to implement a junior varsity team. But with the implementation of the j.v. program also came hurt feelings. As some players were confronted with the possibility of playing on the "farm team," they elected to quit rather than play on the j.v. team.

It seems, however, that Kiser is not considering his junior varsity squad as merely a place to allow less talented players to play. Kiser commented, "When we went to the varsity, a lot of people quit who did not make the varsity." Kiser also added, "I really hope the players on the j.v. team stick around because I could have been wrong, I could have missed." Kiser also mentioned that, in many cases, there is lit-

tle if any difference between players on the varsity and junior varsity.

The Cougar Cagemen will be returning only three players from last year's team, Glen Johndohl, Randy Warsech and Johnny Williams. Fortunately for Coach Kiser, the team was able to come up with some help from transferring players as well as incoming freshman hopefuls.

Several transfers may end up as the mainstay of the Cougar attack. Sophomore transfer Eric Walker from Southern Oregon State College and Rob Anderson, a freshman transfer from the University of Washington, prove to be a pair to watch as both are fine shooters. Other transfers of note include Otis Brison and Bobby Barber.

Kiser seems pleased with his talent this year, but may have somewhat of a problem getting the team to perform as a cohesive unit. If Kiser can find the right combination of coaching tactics and personnel, the CCC basketball team may be rewarded with their finest season ever.

Women netters inexperienced

By Sue Hanneman
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You've heard the old saying, "I've got some good news and some bad news." So it is with women's basketball here at Clackamas.

The good news for Head Coach Nancy Mikleton is that there are many new faces on her squad, bringing in some very good talent. The bad news is that with only one returning player from last year's squad, the Cougars look to be an inexperienced ball club.

"Inexperience is a big factor for us," stated Mikleton. "I do feel very positive though, the players are a very cohesive group and they work well together."

Debbie Syring is the sole returning player from last year's team. Syring, a 5'7" Centennial product, will be playing in the guard-forward position for the Cougs this year. "Debbie will help our team out with her experience and strength. I'm looking to her for team leadership," commented Coach Mikleton.

Mikleton, however, is also expecting good performances out of her newest players. One of those is 5'11", Teresa Walton. "Teresa will be playing a post-center position for us," mentioned Mikleton. Teresa, who is the tallest player on the team, was also a member of the 1979 volleyball team. Cindy Steele, a 5'10" freshman from Roseburg, will also vie for the center position.

Kim Coffey, a 5'5", guard and Becky Condow from Milwaukie will both play the guard position for the Cougars. Coffey adds versatility to the team with her ball-handling skills and an effective outside shot. Coach Mikleton was

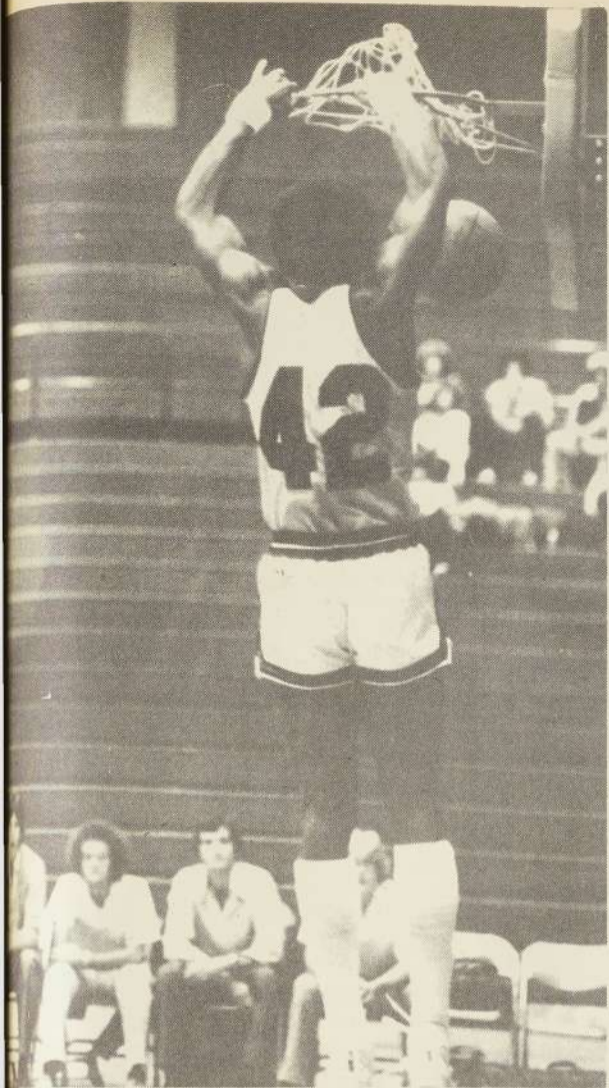
equally pleased with 5'2", Condow. "We'll be giving up height while playing Becky," commented Mikleton. "But she's the team's best thinker."

Joan Hudson and Debbie Nolz will add to the team's depth while playing the forward position. While both are freshmen, they bring with them playing experience from neighboring high schools. Joan played for Oregon City, and Debbie played for Colton.

Another key player for the Cougars is Carolyn Raimondi, a sophomore from Monroe, Calif. "Carolyn is a determined player with a lot of hustle," remarked Mikleton.

Among the new faces on this year's basketball team is Loren Swivel. Although Swivel is no rookie when it comes to coaching women's basketball, she is making her debut here at Clackamas. She has previously

coached basketball at Western Maryland College. Swivel was this year's volleyball coach and will be taking on the job of assistant basketball coach.



SLAM DUNK—Bobby Benson rams one home on a breakaway fastbreak against Multnomah School of the Bible. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

Wrestlers ready

The Clackamas Cougars wrestling team will start the season out with two tournaments, at the University of Washington Invitational on Dec. 16, and on Dec. 27 at the College of the Redwoods in California.

Coach Norm Berney commented, "We are low on numbers, but we do have a good bunch of freshmen. We also have had a lot of injuries that are going to make it tough for the first part of the season."

Out of the 20 members, 14 are freshmen. This fact, compounded with the injuries, would make for a very inexperienced team.

The team members are, at 135 pounds, sophomore Charlie Wagg, and frosh

Harold Isackson; 126, freshmen Curt Young and Steve Wheeler; 134, sophomore Darvin Tramel, frosh Wes Odgers and frosh Pat Smith; 142, frosh Lance Wilson and frosh Dave Alloway; 150, frosh Eric Martin and soph Mark Matthews; 158, frosh Bill Blackford and soph Wally Olsen; 167, frosh Randy Twidwell, frosh Craig Joplin, and frosh Adam Boynay; 177, frosh Doug Hostetler and frosh Duane McNulty; 190 frosh Roy Bonner; and at heavyweight, Rusty Crape.

The first home match for the Cougs will be Dec. 5 with Southwestern Oregon and Linn-Benton Community Colleges.

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