

Kiser optimistic

Men cagers on track

By Brian Rood
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After opening the 1979-80 season with a string of four consecutive losses, it appears that the CCC men's basketball squad has found a recipe for success, winning eight of their last 11 contests.

Head Coach Royce Kiser could not really pin-point a particular reason for the Cougs' turnaround, but did say, "We are getting better all the time and are capable of beating anyone on a given evening." Kiser also added, "By the end of the year, we are going to be tough to beat."

Although Kiser is very optimistic in regards to his team, he also points out that they are vulnerable due to the height they sometimes give up in their contests.

The bright spot this season

for Coach Kiser has been the freshmen. The CCC netmen currently have eight freshmen on the 11-man roster. Kiser noted, "The freshmen we have are very intelligent and will be even more intelligent by the end of the season. It will be very tough to beat these fellows out next year," added Kiser.

Included in their last 11 games was a stay in the metro tournament where the Cougs defeated Clark College, 69-61, in the opening round before losing to Mt. Hood in overtime, 73-74. The cagers then won five straight, leaving Oregon College jv's, Spokane Community, Linfield jv's (twice) and Central Oregon Community College in their wake.

After the league opener against COCC, the Cougs lost their second league match to

Mt. Hood, 81-74, which evened their league record to 1-1. The Blue Mountain contest was postponed because of bad weather. The Cougs then split their next two games, dropping Linn-Benton, 77-70, before losing to SWOCC in Coos Bay, 93-91.

The CCC cagers will return to action tonight at 8 p.m. against second-place Umpqua Community. Kiser will probably continue his "use the whole team tactic," as it has been proving rather successful.

In closing, Coach Kiser is very excited about this year's team and is positive that a student turnout could be very advantageous to the team's success. So, if you have a free evening tonight, stop by the Randall Gym. Kiser guarantees excitement.



TOWER OF STRENGTH—Bobby Barber exemplifies the determination that has got the cougs winning. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

Over break

Women cagers drop four

By Sue Hanneman
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The Clackamas Women's basketball team got its league season started off last weekend on a low note by losing to Mt. Hood, 83-44, and dropping to the Central Oregon Bobcats, 56-55.

Despite a third-quarter rally against Mt. Hood, which Coach Nancy Mikleton termed "scrappy", the lady Cougars were unable to stay in striking distance and eventually lost to the Saints.

"We competed with them in the second half," stated Mikleton. "We came out playing good defense and

scrappy ball. In the third quarter we played the best basketball we have so far this year."

Debbie Syring led the scoring drive with 14 points, while Kim Coffey and Debbie Nolz added nine and eight, respectively.

The Cougars were plagued by cold shooting streaks throughout the Central game. Mikleton said the up-and-down scoring streaks were caused by the inexperience of her team.

After adding a man-to-man defense, the lady Cougars closed the gap on COCC. Coming down the final stretch, they proved they were a vital threat with a basket by Teresa Walton, putting Clackamas

ahead with 10 seconds to go.

But with only three seconds left in the game, Kim Baer of Central Oregon sunk two of her 14 points to put COCC ahead by one and take a victory from the Cougs.

Although the game was marked with even scoring by all players, the Cougars did have three women in double figures. Kim Coffey led the drive with 14 points, while Debbie Syring hit for 13 and Debbie Nolz added 10. Teresa Walton controlled the action under the basket with 21 rebounds and seven points, while guard Becky Kondo controlled the action at the top of the key.

In hoop action over the Christmas break, the cagers competed in an invitational hosted by Clark College. The tourney was composed of four teams with Clackamas taking fourth place.

Despite 18 points by Debbie Syring, the Cougars, with two starters out, just weren't able to handle the powerful Clark drive, losing 89-38. Teresa Walton hit the boards down low for 11 points and nine rebounds, while Kim Coffey totalled nine points with four steals.

The Cougars were downed by Lane in their last game of the tourney by a score of 74-35. Syring led the point statistics with 11, followed by Kim Coffey with eight. Teresa Walton and Joan Judson added seven and six, respectively.



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