

Those poor refs

It seems as though every season someone from some team complains about referees.

This is the case with the recent women's basketball game against Mt. Hood played in Randall Hall on Jan. 6.

Curran's Corner



by Christopher Curran
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In the Jan. 15 edition of "The Advocate" Mt. Hood Women's Coach Daryle Broadsword was quoted as saying "It was one of the worst officiated games that I've ever seen."

After witnessing the game firsthand, I feel I must set the record straight. Although the personal fouls were heavily in favor of Mt. Hood, Coach Broadsword's comments are completely unfounded. With the exception of two or three fouls charged by both teams, there is no reason to question the officiating. Let's remember, these men are human.

In a game where a team is down by any margin ranging from 10 to 20 points, the supporters of that team are going to find any excuse, but the real one. In all reality, The Saints of Mt. Hood did not play well enough to win, that's all there is to it. Despite that fact, there were nearly 25 Mt. Hood supporters who were screaming to the referees like they were dealing in the stock market at its busiest hour.

The officials in the Mt. Hood-Clackamas game are no worse than any of the other referees in any other Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges game.

According to the "The Advocate" the two officials who worked the Mt. Hood-Clackamas game were "supposedly not to be in the same game together as both were very inexperienced."

That is an invalid assumption as to why the referees might have made the game one-sided. Each referee in the NWAACC is trained to do his best in a game regardless of his experience or of who is his co-referee.

Coach Broadsword also made this statement, "When we pay \$55 per ref per game we expect to get better officials."

May I offer some food for thought for Mr. Broadsword. Maybe it's not the NWAACC that needs to get better officials, seeing the leadership and performance of the Lady Saints that night, maybe Mt. Hood should get themselves a better woman's basketball coach.

The Cougars beat the Saints by over 20 points in this particular meeting, The Saints had almost 40 turnovers for the game, and the Saints connected on only 14 of 30 free throws. Not exactly stats that point to a lopsided game by the officials.

In athletic events there are referee problems and there are team performance problems. Let's keep these two things separate and save the officiating insults for when there really are problems with the officiating in a game. Not when the team can't get the game going in their favor, such as Coach Broadsword's Mt. Hood Saints. Coach Broadsword, get a better turnover ratio, better free throw shooting, an a less aggressive defense, then talk to us.



Right: Gina Passadore contributes a point for the Lady Cougars.

Photo by Julie Church

Lady Cougars give top performances

by Mark Borrelli
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The Clackamas Lady Cougars continue to rack up victories, adding two more road wins to improve their league record to a perfect 4-0.

Friday night the Lady Cougars traveled to Umpqua and handed their host a 24 point loss, 75-51. Clackamas came out playing strong defense, allowing only 14 first half points to their host, in route to a 34-14 halftime lead. "We came out and dominated on defense," explained coach Phil Garver. "They had a hard time handling our press."

Angela Hewlett lead the girls with 22 points, six rebounds, and nine assists. Coming off the bench and turning in a strong performance was freshman Gina Passadore. "Gina came off the bench and played real well." Passadore tallied six points in a reserve role, while grabbing three rebounds. Coach Garver feels that, while a couple of players

may have good games, the win was a team effort. "It was a good team effort. Everybody played well." Garver also credits his team's defense as the key in the game. "Defense is gonna win the games for you and we played good defense."

Clackamas' good defense carried into a Saturday encounter with South Western Oregon Community College (SWOCC), as they crushed their host 82-50.

Awesome defense again proved to be the key for the girls' second blow out in as many days. "We went into the game with the same game plan. We started on a man to man, but jumped into our half court press and they (SWOCC) couldn't handle it."

A balanced scoring attack led the girls to another team victory. Angela Hewlett led the offensive attack with 16 points, Anna Schlegelmilch chipped in 12 points, and once again Gina Passadore came off the bench with a strong performance, scor-

ing 12 points, while dishing out four assists. "She's our fourth leading scorer and she's coming off the bench." Garver feels that having Passadore adding strong play off the bench is really helping. "She is definitely a spark off the bench, but she's playing so well she's pushing the starters for a starting role."

The Lady Cougars currently

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stand alone on top of the league standings with their 4-0 mark, but may be tested this weekend when they travel to league power Linn-Benton Saturday. Clackamas will warm up for Linn-Benton with a Friday game with Lane at home at 6 p.m.

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