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Cougar netmen 'squeak' past Umpqua, J.B.

By Brian Rood
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When Royce Kiser took over as the men's head basketball coach in the spring of 1979, he brought with him a history of winning basketball teams. The ability of some people to succeed where others have failed occupies somewhat of a "grey area" in the realm of sports. But Kiser has apparently been able to succeed with the CCC basketball team where others have failed, as the Cougs are winning, including a pair of league victories last week, one over Umpqua Wednesday, 79-77, and another over Judson Baptist Friday, 52-48.

The Cougs went into Wednesday's contest with Umpqua sporting a 2-2 league record and in need of a win to maintain hopes of a berth in the post-season playoff picture.

The contest was close throughout the first half with the two teams deadlocked at the intermission at 42. The beginning of the second half remained fairly consistent with the first until the 12:17 mark of the final stanza when the Cougs opened up on an eight-point lead, 64-56.

Umpqua fought back to tie the score at 75 apiece with about two minutes to go. Johnny Williams was then fouled and hit on the front end of a one-and-one to give the Cougs the advantage in the waning moments of the game.

The Timbermen then brought the ball down the court, hoping to take the lead, but were unable to capitalize. Dan Hixson was fouled at the other end of the floor hitting both free throws and stretching the hometowners' lead to 78-75.

With 10 seconds to go, Umpqua canned a medium range jumper to cut the lead to one. Darren Slusher was fouled on the following in-bounds toss and went to the line to shoot one-and-one. Slusher connected on the front half of the charity effort, but Slusher's second attempt caromed off. A desperation 50-foot shot by the Timbermen fell short at the buzzer and the victory was preserved.

Kiser was pleased with his team's performance against Umpqua. "We played a good ball game. Our rebounding was good and we played pretty good defense for the majority

of the game," he said.

Individually for the Cougs, Johnny Williams and Dan Hixson tallied 13 while Bobby Barber and Bernie Pliska added 12 each. Williams was the leading rebounder for the Cougs with 10 caroms.

Traveling to Portland on Friday to take on the Judson Baptist Crusaders, the CCC netmen entered somewhat of a different game, a rather low scoring, patient type contest. But the Cougs adapted to the change and grabbed their second win of the week.

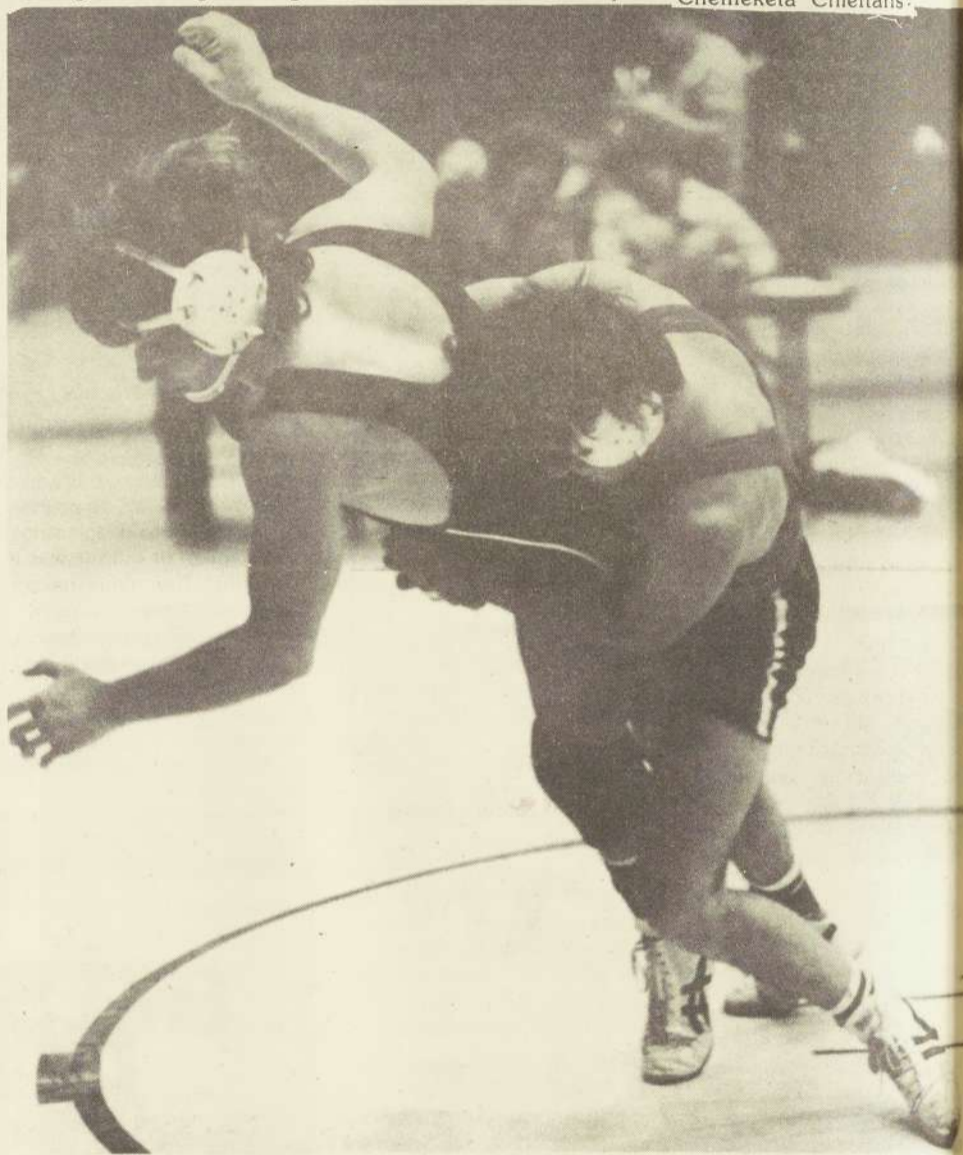
The game was tight through

the first half, much the same as Wednesday's contest against Umpqua with the Cougs taking a 29-25 lead into the locker room at the break. The CCC cagers opened up on an eight-point lead with a little over 14 minutes to go. The Crusaders came back, apparently taking note of Umpqua's comeback attempt, and narrowed the margin to one with two and a half minutes remaining.

J.B. failed at their attempt to take the lead as Bobby Barber pulled down the errant Crusader shot and sent a pass

the length of the floor to Dan Alexander who had broken after the shot, 49-46 CCC. Darren Slusher was fouled with 28 seconds to go. Slusher connected on the front end of the one-and-one before missing the penalty. The Cougs' lead was now two, 50-48. An attempt by the Crusaders to tie the game and possibly send the contest into overtime was not to succeed as Dan Alexander added the clincher with 11 seconds.

The Cougs will be back on the road tonight as they travel to Salem to take on the Chemeketa Chieftans.



COME BACK HERE!—Pacific University wrestler puts the clamps on CCC' Eric Martin during tournament held over the weekend at the College. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

Matmen host tourney

By Kelly Laughlin
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As host team at the ninth annual College Invitational, the Cougar wrestlers had only five weights covered and six wrestlers competing, but still managed sixth place behind Oregon State University, North Idaho, Pacific, Central Oregon Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College, who cashed in at the non-league event.

Even with wrestlers Duane McNaulty, Steve Wheeler, Darvin Tramal, Randy Twidwell and Wally Olsen out with injuries, the tournament still had a few bright spots for CCC. Bill Blackford, 167-pounder, took his weight division, while 142-pounder Lance Wilson

brought home second in the finals.

Roy Bonner, 190, who sat out the last two weeks because of ineligibility, should return after the Cougs meet COCC at home Friday at 7 p.m., and Grays Harbor, who they edged earlier in the season. "We will have 10 guys out there this Friday," said Coach Norm Berney.

Against North Idaho, the Cougs lost, and could only muster one win, as Lance Wilson grappled to a weight division win. Currently, the Cougars are "regrouping," according to Berney, with about 50 percent of the team in action. "We can get back to our wrestling potential by mid-season," he said.



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Women cagers lose twice

By Sue Hanneman
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"We all get along excellently, and we are having a good time playing basketball," women's team captain Kim Coffey said in reference to their 0-8 standings. The Cougars, who have yet to win, dropped two

games in women's basketball action this week.

Clackamas started the week off facing Umpqua here Wednesday. With four players out because of fouls and minutes still left on the clock, the Cougars were forced to finish the game with only four players

on the court. That, combined with 41 turnovers, aided the Umpqua team in a 72-41 victory.

Kim Coffey led the team with 12 points and six rebounds, followed by Teresa Walton with 12 and Debbie Syring with nine.

To finish the week off, the Cougars traveled to Judson Baptist for a head-to-head battle with the Crusaders. The first half was marked with good play by both teams. Going into

the locker room at the half, the score was a close 20-19 in Judson's favor. Neither team was

able to build a strong lead going down the final stretch. They traded points back and forth with Clackamas down only four points with seven minutes to go in the contest. Judson turned on the power with only minutes left, scoring inside and hitting with the outside jumpers, to eventually win the contest, 42-31.

Kim Coffey and Debbie Nolz combined for 24 points to lead the Cougars in the effort.

The Cougs are on the road this Wednesday, playing Chemeketa. They will be back on home turf Saturday to face Lane Community College.

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