



FOR EFFORT—Although the women's basketball team is suffering through one of their worst seasons ever and lost twice last week to Linn Benton and Blue Mountain, this member of the team exemplifies that the spirit is still there. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

'No big deal,' but...

Matmen forfeit four

By Kelly Laughlin
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"It's no big deal," said CCC Athletic Director Chuck Hudson, but due to a league ruling, the Clackamas Community College men's wrestling team was obligated to forfeit four league matches prior to Jan. 25, the date of wrestling eligibility for 190-pound CCC wrestler Roy Bonner.

Bonner, who transferred to CCC from Oregon State University this fall, technically needed to wait 18 weeks into the school year to be eligible to wrestle for the CCC team. "A misinterpretation of his transcript," according to Hudson, resulted in Bonner wrestling ineligibly.

Although the ruling does drop the team's season standings from an impressive 14-1 record to 10-5, the change has little effect on the team's chances at the state title, which they are well on their way to achieving.

The forfeited matches add one win each to the slates of

Grays Harbor, Linn Benton, Southern Oregon and Umpqua community colleges. All but one of the four dual matches would have been won even without the services of Bonner. Take six points from the CCC grapplers' 36-14 win over Grays Harbor Jan. 4, the team's 50-0 romp over Linn Benton Jan. 5, or the 48-3 victory over Umpqua Community College Jan. 12, and the grapplers still come out on top. Only the win over Southern Oregon Community College would have resulted in a tie, as the CCC grapplers ended up 24-18 on Jan. 5.

At presstime, the Cougars were wrestling Portland State University for their last home match, before traveling to Linn Benton Community College for a 7 p.m. matchup Feb. 15. Saturday, CCC wrestles Central Oregon. The state tourney is slated for Feb. 23.

Last Friday, CCC ousted Mt. Hood, 30-13, as Darwin Tramal, Lance Wilson, Eric Martin, Wally Olson, Roy Bonner and Rusty Crape slated

wins. For the day the Cougars managed two pins, one by 150-pound Eric Martin over Mike Campbell in 3:07, and a second by Bonner over Mike McCormick in 1:15. Tramal outdid Dan O'Neil, 12-2, and Lance Wilson beat Mt. Hood's Brent Kosstedt, 12-7. Wally Olson, 167 pounds, routed Pall Schilling, 16-0, and Rusty Crape won by forfeit in the heavyweight division.

In Coos Bay against Southwestern Oregon Community College, the Cougars mustered six wins, three by decision, two by pin and one by forfeit, to win 27-16.

Rusty Crape took SWOCC heavyweight Kerry Wade to the mat, pinning him in 7:32, and 142-pound Lance Wilson wasted little time against Dave Chambers, pinning him in 4:57. Curt Young at 126 pounds edged Steve Larme, 7-6, and Bill Blackford, 158 pounds, ousted Jeff Prescott, 8-3. Craig Joplin picked up the other Cougar decision, 8-6. Vane Dickey won by forfeit in the 118-pound classification.

Anderson nets 50

Cagers win three straight; playoff bound?

By Brian Rood
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Just when it appeared the CCC men's basketball team could be written off as far as their post-season playoff hopes were concerned, the team came back to play what has probably been their best basketball to date.

In what turned out to be a virtual blitzkrieg last week, the Cougs won three games in as many outings, including a "suitable for framing" victory over Southwestern Oregon Community College, who, prior to Saturday's game with

the Cougs, had lost only three other games all year, carrying a 19-3 overall record into the contest. Also, Rob Anderson scored a league record 50 points against SWOCC, bettering last week's performance in which he scored a school record 45 against Mt. Hood. That, coupled with Anderson's 32 and 31-point performances against Linn Benton and Blue Mountain, respectively, earned the talented freshman from Annadale High School in Virginia and a former Rose Bowl participant, outstanding player of the week title in the

Oregon Community College Athletic Association.

Head Coach Royce Kiser said, "I really don't know what it is. We have played really good basketball in the last week and a half—probably the best we have played all year." Kiser also added, "We are getting some super play out of a lot of players and that really helps."

In the opening game of the week, the Cougs hosted the Blue Mountain Timberwolves, whom they easily handled last week on the road, and again handled, relatively easily at that, dropping the team from Pendleton, 114-95.

The Cougs opened up an 18-point lead at the break, 59-41, and would never relinquish the lead throughout the contest. With 8:24 remaining, Kiser went to the bench, allowing them to finish out the game.

Behind Anderson's 31 points Dan Alexander tossed in 22 and pulled down seven rebounds. Bernie Pliska added 13 and Dan Hixson had nine assists. For the Timberwolves, Dennis Boddy tallied 21 while John Kincaid had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The following Wednesday, the team traveled to Albany for a rematch with Linn-Benton, and the Cougs proved awesome again enroute to a 104-81 win.

Rob Anderson again led all scorers with 32 and Dan Alexander was next with 19. Anderson also had nine rebounds. John Newell tossed in 21 for L.B., while Joe Gach and Dan Hixson were also in double figures for the Cougs, scoring 18 and 11 points, respectively.

In what turned out to be the biggest win of the week over SWOCC, the Cougs connected on 16 of their first 22 shots and led 42-20 with 14 minutes gone in the first half. They led at the midway break by 18, 54-36.

At the beginning of the second half, however, the Cougs hit a cold streak, hitting on only one of their first 11 shots, and allowed SWOCC to climb within 10 at 82-72 with 5:45 to go.

SWOCC came back to tie the game with just less than a minute remaining in regulation play. CCC was unable to ice the game in the final moments — into overtime.

The first basket in the five minute overtime went to SWOCC after playing somewhat of a delay game. Dan Hixson, who has been given the nickname of "The Clutcher," answered the SWOCC basket to tie the contest with 2:06 remaining in the O.T.

SWOCC scored with 1:25 to go and take a two-point lead at

92-90. Hixson again answered the call, connecting on a medium range jumper with 1:05 left. The Cougs then took the lead after a SWOCC turnover and a foul committed against Rob Anderson to go up by four, 96-92.

At the close of the game, SWOCC scored to cut the lead to two at 96-94. Bernie Pliska was then fouled where he connected on both shots to give the team its third win of the week.

Alexander was again the second leading scorer for the netmen, with 22, behind Anderson's record-setting performance of 50 points. Anderson also set a record for most field goals in a game with 17 while tying a record for most freethrows in a game with 16. Not to be excluded from the record books, CCC's Darren Slusher is currently enjoying a streak of 20 consecutive foul shots in a row. If he makes his next foul shot, he, too, will set a new school record.

As the Cougs enter the final game of the season and the possibility of the team making the playoffs increases, fan support becomes very important and many times can provide the winning edge as anyone who follows college or professional basketball can attest. So, try to make an attempt to come out and support the team. It might make the difference.

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