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Cougar women split weekend games

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The women's basketball team split this week's hoop action on the road by defeating SWOCC, 70-61, and losing to Lane, 59-77.

CCC leaped into action, right from the start of the tip off, bringing the ball down the court for two. Coach Nancy Mikleton's Cougars quickly gained the momentum of the game scoring down low with the help of Jamie Hill and Lou Ann Garvin.

Clackamas seemed to be playing a balanced game both offensively and defensively throughout the contest.

Early in the second half, Clackamas built up a 25-point cushion against the attack of

SWOCC. Southwestern proved they weren't ready to go down as they regained their composure and began battling back. They had chopped the Cougars' lead down to 15, forcing Mikleton to reenter her starters into the game.

"We got so far ahead we let up," stated Mikleton, "but SWOCC kept scoring on us, cutting the lead."

The Cougar ladies tightened their hold and hung on for the buzzer, winning the contest by nine points.

Jamie Hill and Lou Ann Garvin combined for 42 points, scoring 25 and 17 respectively. Cindy Johnson, who had 11 points, added to the effort with many assists setting up key plays.

The Cougars, still riding high from the previous night's victories, faced Lane on their home soil in what proved to be a strong confrontation.

"A rollercoaster first half," is what Coach Mikleton called the play of her team. "We played in streaks, unable to maintain a consistency. They would be up by six, we would close to within a couple only to lose it again. If we could have controlled the ball down the court two or three times we could have caught them."

Lane capitalized on the roller coaster play of Clackamas and opened up their lead in the second half. Lane went on to win the game 77-59.

Lou Ann Garvin topped the night's effort with 19 points and nine rebounds, followed closely by Jamie Hill with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Nancy Mikleton is quick to point out her team's second-place ranking defensively in the league.

"Our concentration was off this weekend. When the intensity is there and our defense is working well, our offense will follow," she added. "Our press is working well, and our man-to-man offense looks strong. Once we regain our concentration and intense play, we will be right up there in the standings."



Staff photo by Sue Hanneman

DRIVE IT IN--Cindy Johnston hustles past opponent for the lay-up. Johnston was a big aid in past few games.



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STRETCH--Cougar's Jamie Hill (white) reaches for the rebound in recent game. The women won one and lost over the past weekend.

Grapplers finally defeated

By Wanda Percival

The Cougar grapplers found their way to a 7-0 record last week as they slid by Mt. Hood with a 29-16 victory.

However, their experience wasn't quite so pleasant as they were defeated twice on a weekend road trip to Idaho bringing their present record to 7-2.

They were defeated Friday night by fifth-ranked North Idaho Community College and Saturday by Columbia Basin. "The matches were one-sided," remarked Cougar Coach Norm Berney. "They were ahead of us in their season, they were ahead of all the Oregon schools."

"They had six sophomores, a three-time champion, a 370-pound heavyweight, and their practice started a month and a half ahead of ours."

Other altering factors included the 400-mile road trip and illness to Cougar competitors. "Competition-wise this trip wasn't for us," stated Coach Berney.

The road trip was beneficial to the grapplers. "They got the experience, the chance to see a team that's really together."

There were three points scored Friday and eight points Saturday, but definite scores

haven't yet been received by Coach Berney.

Some close competitors for the Cougar squad included 158 lb. Bill Blackford, 190 lb. Mike Keith, 126 lb. Craig Jensen and 142 lb. Tim Tilander, all of whom showed strong efforts.

"We hope to build our team by the end of the season. We have five guys dropping weight and four who recently returned from illness. There will be some changes made," stated Berney.

"We'll work hard to be at North Idaho level. We'll see if we can iron any of these things out."

The Cougars will be on the road to Linn-Benton Community College Jan. 22, but will return to action at home Jan. 23, facing North Idaho and Gray's Harbor at 7 p.m.

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Men drop two away

The men cagers played what was probably their best defense of all season over the past weekend, but it wasn't enough as they were edged by both Lane and Southwestern Oregon in both games. On Saturday the squad lost to Lane 60-54, and on the previous night 71-67 in overtime to Southwestern Oregon.

In both of the games over the weekend the defense was tough and the Cougar players were passing the ball around enough, but when it came time to take the shots, they just wouldn't go through. The shooting percentage was far below 50 percent on both nights for Clackamas.

Even though the Cougars couldn't quite pull off a victory against Southwestern Oregon they still had the games leading scorer on their team. Charles Redeau scored 20 points. Other Clackamas high scorers were Dan Hixson with 14 points in his first game of the season, and Avery Penney bucketed 12.

The Cougars will have some tough competition tonight as they go against the number one team in the conference, Chemeketa, with an

undefeated record thus far this season. Chemeketa will also have the home court advantage.

The cagers will have it just a little bit easier as they go against Umpqua, who has a 2-2 record, but it will still be a tough game. The game will begin at 8 p.m. at the College.

Vaught, J Jumpers battle for top place

Intramural volleyball action has come to a two-way tie between the Jolly Jumpers and Vaught, after Vaught defeated the Green M&M's in two games straight yesterday, 15-5 and 15-11.

Both Vaught and the Jolly Jumpers have records of 5-1, and will go against each other for the top position tomorrow at 12 p.m.

Other team records are as follows: Supertramps 4-2, Green M&M's 3-3, 10 o'clock Shadow 3-3, Draft-T's 1-5, and Rolling Templates 0-6.

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