

Cougar cagers find winning combination

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The men's basketball team had its warm-up period, and is now getting into the action.

Last Friday the Cougar cagers took a 77-67 defeat from Central Oregon in a very physical game, but just two nights before they brought down Mt. Hood 72-54.

"We played well in everything but two, rebounding and free throws," commented Coach Royce Kiser about the rough defeat from Central Oregon. Central Oregon grabbed 11 more rebounds than Clackamas, and hit all but four of their 29 free throws, to the Cougars' 11 of 17. But if you look at shots from the field, Clackamas hit 28 of 60 to Central Oregon's 26 of 59. The turnovers were lopsided toward Clackamas. Central Oregon turned the ball over 13 times, where Clackamas gave the ball to their opponent only seven times.

Central Oregon had the individual scoring leader with 25 points, but leading the Cougars in scoring was Steve Rullman with 16. Other high scorers for Clackamas were Charles Redeau with 12 points and Avery Penney with 10.

"Central Oregon has a fine basketball team," commented Kiser.

"It was the best playing I've seen since I've been here," commented Kiser about the men's victory over Mt. Hood. "We played intelligently, and patiently, with exceptional defense."

The victory over Mt. Hood came two days before the Cen-

tral Oregon upset.

Steve Rullman gave an outstanding effort, hitting 12 of 20 from the field and four of six from the free throw line for a total point collection of 28 points. Rullman can't take all the credit for his successful night. "The other players passed exceptionally well to him," stated Kiser. "We had a super effort by all the players." It was one of the Cougar cagers' most successful nights all the way around in statistics. They shot over 50 percent from both the field and the free throw line, and totaled 23 assists for a total team effort. The only place in the stats that Clackamas was outdone by its opponent was in rebounds, where it was 42-37.

Some of the individual team leaders for the Cougars were, of course, Rullman with his 28 points. He also snatched four rebounds. Charles Redeau ad-

ded 15 points and brought down 10 rebounds. Dave Hixson grabbed nine balls off the rim, where Avery Penney gave 11 assists.

The b-ball season met its halfway point with the completion of the Cougars' win over Mt. Hood, and a 3-5 record in league play for Clackamas, but Kiser is still optimistic for a playoff berth. "I feel we still have a chance to get into the playoffs," stated Kiser. "We're going to improve."

"I've had fun the last few weeks. It's been easy coaching work because they listen."

Tonight the Clackamas cagers will travel to Pendleton to take on Blue Mountain, a team that Clackamas beat by two points the last time they went against them in Cougar territory. Kiser predicts that it will be a close match-up.



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JAMES MASSEY grabs a rebound against Blue Mountain. The Cougars will take on Blue Mountain for the second time this season tonight.

Garver has prayers answered

By Sue Hanneman
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With slow and deliberate movement emanating at the elbow, which for the past half hour has been planted into the soft edge of the training table, Phil Garver eases his 6'6," 200-pound frame up into a sitting position on the table. From the giraffe on the front of his red shirt down to the tube socks, which seem to gather in coils just above the top of his Nike basketball shoes, his appearance doesn't convey a mood of seriousness. "I'm a

kick-back coach," says Garver, "but when it comes time for a game, I become as serious as a train wreck."

At any rate, Garver, who has taken over the assistant coaching position for the women's basketball team here at the College, says, "I have a lot of knowledge and experience involving basketball, and I know what's going on out there."

Garver, 24, started playing basketball at an early age, but his first real organized games came while he was at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduation from there, he was recruited by many colleges throughout the area, but he chose to make the move to Oregon on an offer to play basketball for Warner Pacific. His reasoning was based on two things: first, that Warner

has a fine reputation as a Christian liberal arts college; and secondly, because he figured his chances to play college ball were better in another state. Indiana is one of the top states involved in college basketball, and has some of the best players in the country.

One thing for sure, Garver has had to make some big adjustments since taking on the position of assistant coach under Head Coach Nancy Mikleton. For Garver, it's the first time he has ever coached a women's team.

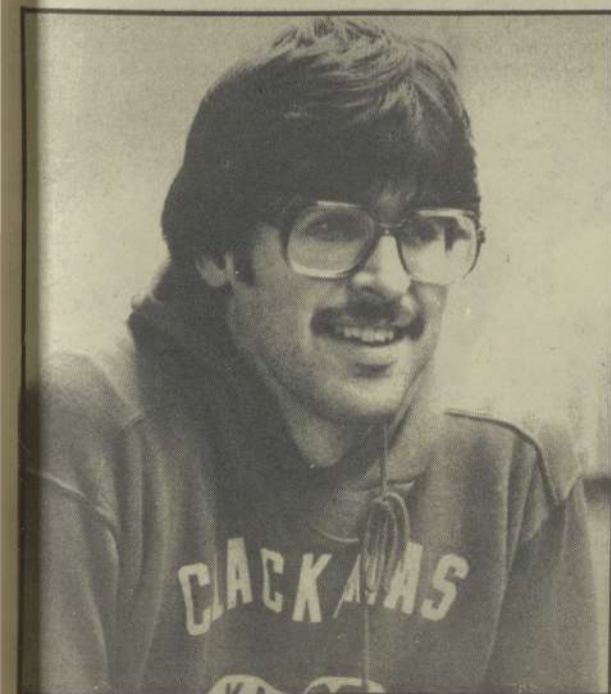
"I've had to make some big adjustments from coaching little kids and men's teams in contrast to coaching women." He feels this change has been centered on the emotional aspect of his players. "I have to be kind of sentimental with the girls." He adds that the girls on the team take things more per-

sonally than guys do. "If you chew them out too bad, they might start crying."

He sees many other aspects involved in coaching women, though. "The girls are willing to learn. They listen to what they are told and they work hard to do what's asked of them."

Garver says, "My coaching philosophy is oriented to the individuals and the offense. You can always teach a kid defense, but offensive plays, ball handling, and individual moves are something that takes time and practice."

He speaks highly of Head Coach Mikleton and of the basketball program here at Clackamas. "This is a great opportunity for me right out of school." Garver is happy, seriously happy, and you won't hear him complaining. "This is the answer to my prayers."



Phil Garver

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Wrestling

The Cougar wrestling team became the league dual meet champions last week, as they defeated Mt. Hood, 29-21, Willamette, 29-16, and Southwestern Oregon, 27-21, in three consecutive days.

Both Tom Overbay and Bill Blackford won all three of their matches in last week's action.

This Saturday the Cougar grapplers will travel to Albany to compete with Linn-Benton, Oregon State J.V.'s and Columbia Basin. The competition will begin at 10 a.m.

On the following week the Clackamas wrestlers will go to Gresham for the OCCAA Championships.

Women's b-ball

In last week's action the women's basketball team "hit a high point and the low," said Coach Nancy Mikleton. The women played what Mikleton considered probably the team's best game all season. The Cougars defeated Mt. Hood 72-55 in a home encounter. Then on Friday, they took a defeat from Central Oregon.

Leading in Clackamas' victory over Mt. Hood were Lou Ann Garvin with 22 points, Jamie Hill with 18, Cindi Johnston with 12, and Patty Richardson with 10. Leading in rebounds were Lou Ann Garvin with 13, and Hill bringing down 11. Hill is third in the league in rebounds as of the season's midpoint, which came with the conclusion of the Clackamas/Mt. Hood game.

