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Women's tennis begins unbeaten

By Wanda Percival
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Clackamas Community College's women's tennis team has six returning players this season, aiding in what Coach Gladys Michael considers probably the most highly skilled team she's ever had here, and a 4-0 record so far this season.

Debbie Birdsall, Diane Kraxberger, Lisa Liechty, Shari Penberthy, Wendy Young and Laura Howard have all returned, giving the Cougar women added strength. Two strong additions include Bonnie Dillman and Pat Philpot.

"We're stronger this year because most of the players have had competitive experience in high school or with us," said Michael.

Playing at first singles is CCC newcomer Pat Philpot, a 1980 graduate of Molalla High School. Philpot played at state all four years of high school, and was on the second-place team for the 1980 Timber Valley League competition.

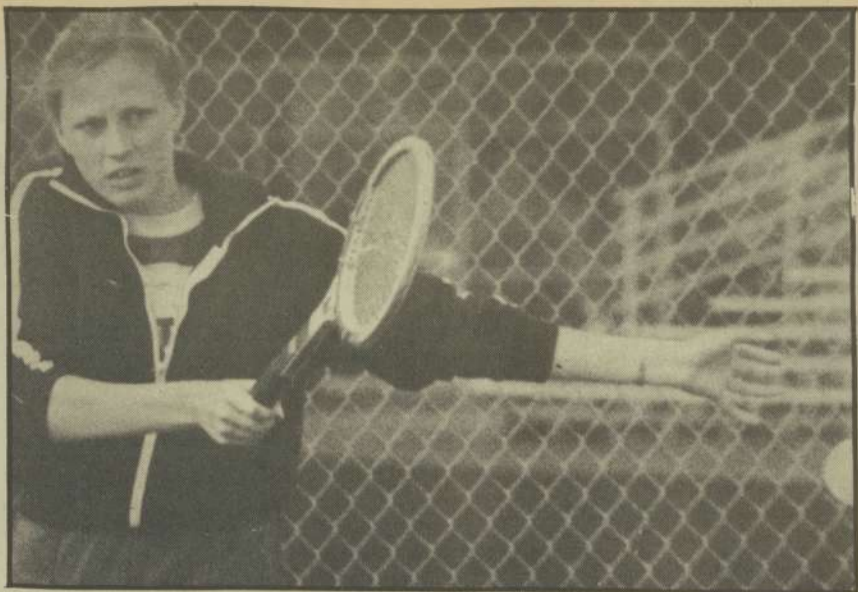
Kraxberger, a 1979 graduate of Canby Union High School, has returned playing at second

singles and first doubles, where she teams up with Philpot.

The third singles position currently is being filled by another newcomer, Bonnie Dillman. Dillman is a 1978 graduate of Oregon City High School, a three-year letterman and second team all-league player.

Lisa Liechty, a 1979 graduate of Molalla High School, was CCC's undefeated fourth singles player last season. She also placed second at state and regionals in both singles and second doubles. Liechty is joined this year by Debbie Birdsall, also a 1979 Molalla High School graduate, to compete in second doubles.

"There's an increased



Staff photo by Wanda Percival

KEEPING CONCENTRATION—Lisa Liechty, who was undefeated while playing tennis for the College last season, concentrates on a shot during a recent practice.

strength in our team and I've seen great improvement in all the players," said Michael. "There's some real deep talent all the way down the line-up. We're probably one of the top two teams in the state and, hopefully, we'll make the top three in the region."

Michael and Assistant Coach Mary Budnick, a former CCC tennis player herself, have coached the Cougar women to a 4-0 record, defeating Multnomah School of the Bible, 7-3, Umpqua Community College, 5-1, Mt. Hood Community College, 5-0, and Lane

Community College, 6-0.

CCC women traveled to Salem to compete against Chemeketa Community College Tuesday and returned home to host Blue Mt. Community College Friday at 3 p.m.

Golf team: Improvement needed

By Rick Obritschkewitsch
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The goals have been set high, but the chances of the Clackamas golf team achieving them is very slim, unless the players make some drastic

changes in their playing within the next few weeks, according to Coach Jim Hudson.

The Cougar golfers started league action in the League Match hosted by the College Tuesday, but in pre-season

they weren't able to come up with a single victory. Their lowest team score was 322, when they played against Oregon College of Education and Mt. Hood C.C. It was still a third-place finish behind the only two other teams competing.

Most recently in pre-season action, the Cougars took third in a field of nine teams in the Mt. Hood Invitational ending with 328. Among the teams who ended up on top of the College were Linn-Benton and Mt. Hood. Both of these teams and Clackamas are included in the same league, in which there are only four Colleges.

Summing up in one word what kind of team the Cougars have this year, Hudson stated, "mediocre." Although, Hudson does feel, "there's the possibility of improvement."

So far this season, Dan Hixson, defending Region 18

champion, is the only Clackamas player who has been able to stay in the 70s in the pre-season meets. Hudson expects Hixson to repeat the title this year.

Other sophomores include Brad Whitworth and Joe Dominique, although Dominique has never competed in college golf before this year.

Among the freshmen are Dean Dodge, Cottage Grove High School's number-one golfer last year. Dodge is just now recovering from an injury.

Other freshmen are Ron Hurst, Rex Putnam High School's number-one golfer last year, and Greg Redden, Red Bluff High School's number-three golfer for three years.

The team's goals have been set at gaining the Region 18 Championship, and then placing in at least the top 15 teams in the nation.

Men netters dropped by Lane

When best-selling author Joseph Heller was accused by Henry Kissinger of being anti-semitic because of his book, "Good as Gold," Heller responded, "But I'm Jewish!" When someone accuses men's tennis Coach David Buckley of sporting a tacky mustache, he might respond, "But I'm a tennis coach!"

Unfortunately, that would be

an awfully thin excuse if the tennis team loses, which is what it did last Saturday to Lane Community College by the score of 4-2. "We had to forfeit two of our matches because one of our players (Charlie Martell) came down with an illness, and I found out too late so he couldn't be replaced," Buckley said.

The team's two victories

came from the likes of Mark Sanford and Allen Cloud. Sanford took one of the men's singles and then teamed up with Allen Cloud to win one of the doubles competitions. Unfortunately, without Martell, one of their top players, the sets were just not rolling in as they should have.

Without the two forfeits, the team played even with Lane, and came to a tie at two matches apiece.

Despite this setback, Buckley still has high hopes for the season with six matches to go before the state finals, where a new slate is to be covered. "As the season progresses, we'll improve," he said, "and I would like to see the team qualify for the regionals."

The tennis team consists of five netters. Charlie Martell, a man in his early 30s, hails from Mulino and sports an aggressive game. Mark Sanford, a 20-year old from Medford, is currently playing at the top of his game, according to Buckley, and has good reflexes and sound ground-strokes.

Allen Cloud, from West Linn, is feared for his ground-strokes. Oddys Trillo, from Venezuela, belts a top topspin, forehand and backhand. Trillo is 19. Arron Osmont is considered a beginner, and is out on the court with the rest of the team hacking away.

Men's Basketball Awards

All League Selections

Second Team

Charles Redeau

Honorable Mention

Avery Penney

Steve Rullman

Team Honors

Most Outstanding

Charles Redeau

Most Inspirational

Avery Penney

Best Defensive Player

Dan Hixson



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