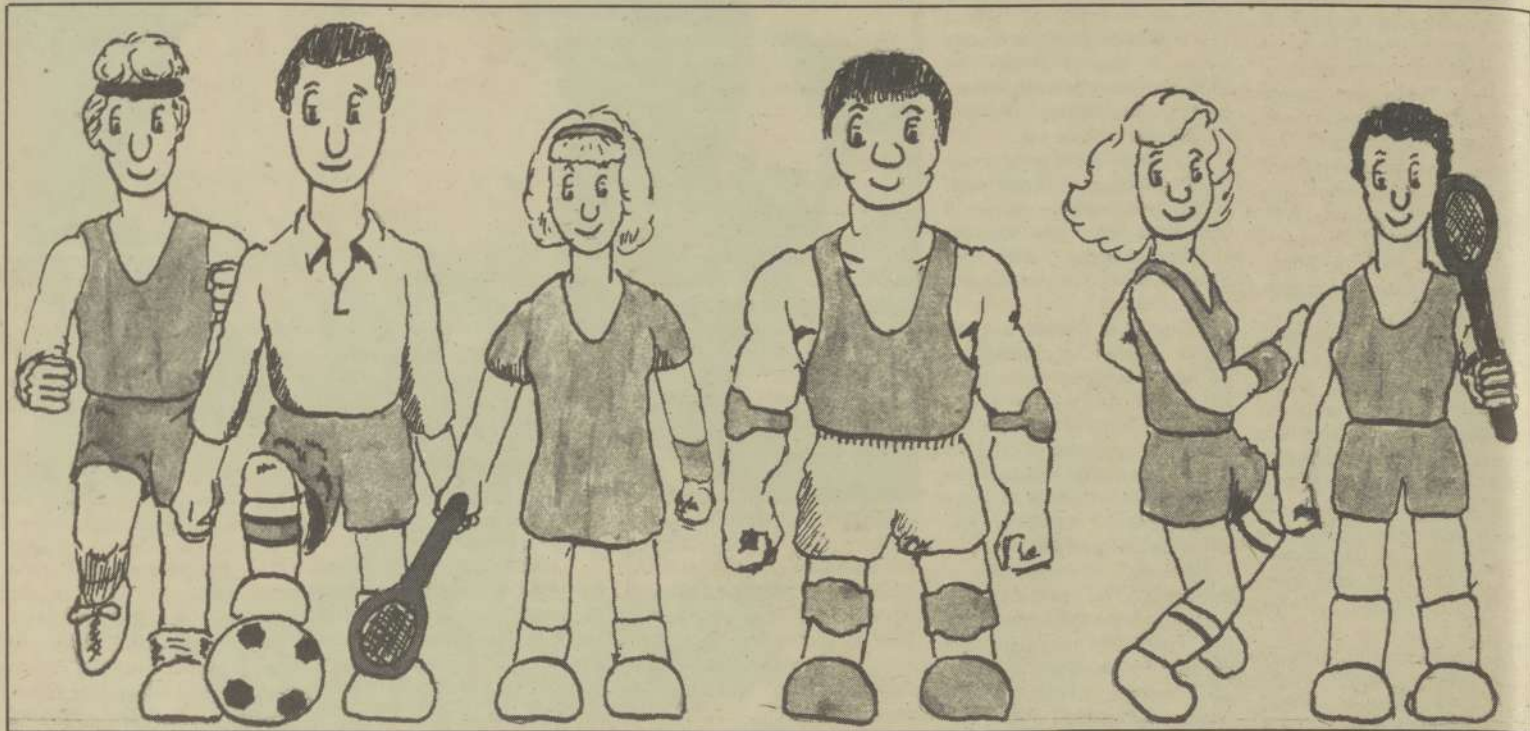


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All that sweat, all that glory, all that partying



If Cougar sports fans expect to see even better action from College athletes next year than they've seen this year, Clackamas athletes of the coming seasons have quite a task ahead of them. The following is a review of the seasons of those 10 teams.

Financial immovability halts soccer progress

The joyous, "get a match, get a match, burn it, burn it, blow our noses in it first," of the Cougar soccer team holding a Portland Community College T-shirt after defeating the team to clinch the division title, can still be heard.

The soccer team, which had worked so hard in regular season action, was now to begin post-season play, not only to remain undefeated, but to once again hurdle over the

three-time defending champion PCC team. But that's where it would stop because of financial and invitational problems.

The Cougar state championship was something that nobody expected, save the championship team and fans thereof. The biggest crowd the Cougar kickers had seen all season, estimated at about 600, was on hand to watch the unsuspecting PCC team take

the defeat. The defending champs were so confident in once again recovering the state trophy that they already had their name inscribed on it.

The team that had accomplished this remarkable feat, including 45 total goals all season, and allowing only eight to get through their defenses (including post-season play), was not made up of a couple super stars, but instead a long list of names would keep popping up as reasons why a game was won. Names like: Cleve Nyberg, Mark Gibson, Rick Zyelinski, John Welle, Sean O'Brien, Jeff Johnson, and the list goes on.



LOST THAT ONE—Lewis and Clark player steals the ball from Mark Gibson. No matter, the team finished undefeated.

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Fate leads volleyballers to seventh in nation

Cougar v-ballers were about one-third the way through the season with a 19-5 record when they earned the rank of second in the league. After the tournament in which the College spikers had gained this distinction, Coach Loren Swivel, eventually to be named Coach of the Year, stated, "If we can hold our standings, we can go to the regionals."

As it turned out, this dream was short of her team's abilities, as they not only went to the regionals, but then became the state and region champions, to go on and prove that they were

at least the seventh best team in the nation, as that's where they ended their national competition.

After the volleyballers had gained the title of second in the league, they couldn't be beaten as they went the remainder of the season undefeated to end regular season action at 26-5.

This meant an appearance in the Region 8 Volleyball Championships for the young Cougar squad, all but one of whom were freshmen. The courageous cats found difficulty in their first game of the regional, being defeated by a

tough Mt. Hood Community College team, 15-2. As it looked like the College's season was about over, the determined women bounced back to soundly overcome Mt. Hood, 15-8, 15-9, and 15-11.

As a result of the victory, Cougars Ronda Westernen and Lou Ann Garvin were named All-Tournament, and Debbie Nolz, All-Region, plus now the nation would get the privilege of seeing the Cougar power.

The Cougars ended their national action with three wins and three losses.

