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ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL coach Phil Garver works out with the team during a recent scrimmage following two consecutive downfalls.

Mikleton attributes success to balance

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Topping last season's 9-14 overall record with a current 10-6 record, women's head basketball coach Nancy Mikleton attributes her team's success to balance.

Mikleton blames a "late start" on last season's outcome. "Because we had so many people coming off the volleyball team last year, we didn't start jelling until the third week in January," Mikleton recalled. "We had some good individuals, but it wasn't balanced."

Things are different this year though. "The key is the balance this year," Mikleton said. "We have four or five people we can count on in double figures or to come

through for us. Because of that, I think we're a really tough team."

Cougar guards, Cindi Johnston and Denise Wheatly have been real assets. "I really think highly of our guards," Mikleton said. "Together they're the two toughest guards in our league."

Johnston has been "playing consistently well for us," Mikleton said. "I don't think there is another guard in the league that could take Cindi one-on-one. She's very much an all-around player for us. Cindi is a good team person. She's our leading assist-maker with 41 pre-season assists."

Wheatly, a Cougar freshman out of Oregon City High is our leading scorer so far and our highest percentage free throw shooter with 48.7 percent.

From the free throw line Mikleton said most teams will be 7 for 10 and we're always 20 for 40. "It's because of the

inside things we do," she said. "If we could get it to the point that we could get our free throws consistently, if we can

get 500 percent in free throws we're going to be real awesome. Much of that deals with confidence."

Last week the Cougar women fell to Linn-Benton CC 54-53 and Umpqua CC 68-54.

"Against Linn-Benton we were up with one second," Mikleton reported. "I think it was a fluke basket. On the road we had no advantage from the timers."

Umpqua is ranked third in the league so they're "tough" according to Mikleton.

This week will determine the rest of the Cougar season. "If we want to get up there in the top two or three, we have to win every game this week," Mikleton said. "I can't perceive us being any lower than the top half in our league. If we get it all together, I don't see why we can't be in the top two or three."

The Cougars face Chemeketa CC Wednesday, Central Oregon CC Friday and Linn-Benton CC Saturday at home at 6 p.m.

Mikleton noting confidence in her squad stated, "I'm really excited. It's definitely the most talented group I've ever had."

Cougs break even last week

Dan Hanson and Tom Welle combined for 42 points and Tom Elkins grabbed 13 rebounds to lift the CCC men's basketball team to a 77-71 victory over Umpqua Community College last Friday on Umpqua's home floor in Roseburg.

The game was close throughout with Umpqua leading most of the way. But in the end, it was the Cougs who rallied for a hard-earned vic-

tory. "We played pretty well," Coach Royce Kiser said. "They're tough to beat on their home floor."

Kiser also pointed to the play of reserve center, Mike Raines as a key factor in the victory. "Raines came off the bench and played really well," Kiser said of the 6'8" Canby high school grad.

The win came on the heels of a 75-61 thumping at the hands of Linn-Benton Community College last Wednesday in Albany.

The Cougars were victimized by horrendous shooting from both the field and the free throw line. Clackamas hit a pathetic 36 percent of their field goal attempts and 44 per-

cent of their charity tosses.

Despite poor shooting, the Cougs performance wasn't as bad as it seemed as Coach Kiser pointed out. "We had our shots, they just weren't falling. Our guards were taking good shots, but they just couldn't get a basket," he said of the dismal 7 of 35 shooting performance of the Coug's backcourtmen.

The Cougars entertain Chemeketa Community College at Randall Hall tonight, Central Oregon Friday, and Linn-Benton Community College on Saturday. All games begin at 8 p.m.

"Percentage tells you that she plays with a lot of confidence," Mikleton said. "She shows a lot of poise. Her dad is a coach and you can tell she has had a lot of background."

Terri Kelly has been hot for the Cougars, too. "She's been awesome on the boards," Mikleton said. "She's averaging 10.2 rebounds during the league."

The balanced players aren't the only attribute to the Cougar's success; assistant coach Phil Garver has put in his time. "He has good knowledge of the inside game and he's helped the key players a lot," Mikleton said.

Competition tough for Recreational Games Tourney

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As the annual Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I) Regional Recreational Games Tournament nears completion, the College is expecting to send an unusually strong team to the regionals tournament, according to coordinator Kelly Sullivan.

The tourney consists of competition in table soccer (also known as Foos Ball), billiards, table tennis, bowling, chess and backgammon.

Top scorers in the various competitions include:

Table soccer--the teams of Paul Nastari, Oscar Perez and Mark Daniels, Mike Marti.

Billiards--Rich Parks and Richard Frickert

Chess--Larry Psick, Alan Wymore, and Patrick Tomlison
Backgammon--Rick Page 8

Parker, Lynn Perdue and Chris Nash.

Table Tennis and Bowling were not completed as of press time.

ACU-I was founded in 1914, making it one of the oldest organizations in higher education. One of the major functions of the organization is to sponsor the games tournament.

The tournament is held nationwide and in Canada. It draws hundreds of students from two- and four-year colleges alike. Oregon schools are part of Region 14, which also includes Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and part of Canada.

The first and second place winners in each category will be eligible to participate in the regionals tournament in Boise, Idaho, Feb. 26-27. All expenses will be paid for by the

College.

The only competition not held in Boise will be the Bowling, which Mt. Hood Community will host on Feb. 12-13. First and second place winners at regionals will then go on to the nationals, which will be held all over the country.

"The students get very excited and involved," Sullivan said. "The group we're sending to Boise this year looks stronger than last year." This is due to a higher turnout this year, Sullivan said. Participation jumped from 75 students last year to 120 this year.

"We had a better participation level this year because we had better advertising," Sullivan said. "Also, the Jack White tournament helps to get people involved." White is a pool expert who has played at the College every fall term for the past seven years.



ACU-I FOOSBALL PARTICIPANTS Janae Hughes and her partner Kevin James were among those who competed in the ACU-I tournament. Clackamas Community College

