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COUGAR HOOPSTER TOM Jones goes up for two in a recent game against Central Oregon Community College.

Men lose three in a row

By Tracy Sumner
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The College men's basketball team's playoff hopes were dealt what was probably a fatal blow last Saturday as the Cougars fell 71-62 to Linn-Benton CC in Randall Gym. The loss was the Cougs third in a row.

Clackamas shot a sub-par 38 percent from the floor and were outscored 13-8 from the foul line to account for the loss.

Jim Hill led all scorers with 20 points and led CCC in rebounding with nine. Tom Jones added 12 points and nine assists for the Cougs.

The loss to Linn-Benton followed a heart-breaking

69-65 loss to Central Oregon on the Coug's home floor last Friday.

The game was close the whole way and was tied 31-all at the half, but in the end, superior field goal shooting earned COCC the victory.

Tom Welle led the cougars with 18 points and 11 rebounds followed by Tom Jones with 16 points and seven assists.

Clackamas started the week by dropping a 77-65 decision to Chemeketa CC here, last Wednesday.

Despite the comfortable final margin enjoyed by Chemeketa, the game was very close as attested to by the 29-25 halftime score. Cougar

Coach Royce Kiser said, "It's just that they got ahead near the end and we had to go out and foul."

Clackamas was led by Tom Welle's 15 points followed by John Welle with 13.

the trio of defeats dropped the Cougars over-all record to 10-11 which puts them in very doubtful status in the league playoff race. "We're in trouble now," Kiser said of his team's playoff chances. "Last week might have put us out of the playoffs."

Kiser pointed to the loss of guard Avery Penny and forward Larry Roberts as one possible factor in his team's problems. "It hurt us to lose Avery and Larry," he said.

Women look toward playoffs

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The Cougar women's basketball team suffered two losses last week to Chemeketa CC and 14th-nationally-ranked Linn-Benton CC, but pulled off a victory over Central Oregon CC after falling to them earlier in the season.

A 67-59 Chemeketa victory over the Cougars ended the first half of league play bringing the Cougars to a 4-4 record.

Chemeketa's strongest player, Jeannette Cameron was the center of the Cougars attention. "Our goal was to shut out Jeannette Cameron," Cougar coach Nancy Mikleton said. "We did really well, but their guards came to life and ate us up. Their guards were 46 percent from the floor and over 50 percent of their shots were outside shots, like in the 15-20 foot range."

Denise Wheatly was the Cougars top scorer with 18 points shooting 12 for 15 from the free-throw line followed by Cindy Johnston scoring 14 total points.

"We used the press there," Mikleton said. "The press slowed them down in their offense."

Despite the Cougar loss, they entered an inspiring game Friday night defeating Central Oregon CC 75-49.

Cindy Johnston led with 21 points shooting 10 for 13

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from the floor. Mary Christensen scored 19 shooting 9 for 9 from the free-throw line and Terri Kelly scored 17 with 17 for 19 from the free-throw line.

"Terri had a super game," Mikleton said. "She was a real boost for us."

Kelly led the Cougars with 14 rebounds and Cyd McCormick picked up 11 from the boards.

"This was one of our better offensive games this year," Mikleton said. "We played pretty well together as a team."

Saturday night brought a 68-63 upset to the Cougars from Linn-Benton CC, the 14th ranked team in the nation standing undefeated this year.

"The game was tight," according to Mikleton. "Linn-Benton led and kept the lead. We were leading for about three minutes then it went back and forth. They pulled out ahead with one and a half minutes to go and we couldn't

quite get it back."

Terri Kelly led the Cougars with 14 points and nine rebounds. "Terri did a really good job," Mikleton said. Cindy Johnston and Sharon Larson followed with 12 points and Denise Wheatly and Mary Christensen scored 11.

"As a team this was our best effort," Mikleton said.

The Cougar Women had 13 turnovers and shot almost 500 percent with 29 for 64.

The Cougars will travel to Coos Bay Friday and to Eugene Saturday. Both games will begin at 6 p.m.

"Coos Bay has been together lately so I'm not going to underestimate them," Mikleton said. "They'll be pretty up for us."

While the Cougars haven't won on the road yet in league play Mikleton said, "They're really starting to jell, and if they can maintain that intensity, we should be able to make it to playoffs."

Wrestlers face Mt. Hood for national ranking

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The Cougar grapplers have been busy racking up wins in the past week placing third at the Willamette Invitational, defeating Southwestern Oregon CC and taking first last weekend at the Pacific Invitational.

In the Willamette Invitational the Cougars took third of twelve teams with 49 team points following Mt. Hood CC at 51 and Pacific University at 85.

Mark Winner was the only Clackamas placer taking second overall at 158 pounds.

In dual competition Clackamas defeated SWOCC 33-5 with victories taken by Troy Wentworth at 118, Craig Sieckman at 126, Tim Tilander at 150, Nathan Winner at 158, Mark Winner at 167 and Doug Horne at 190.

Last Saturday the Cougars pulled together taking first place of 12 teams at the Pacific Invitational as they slipped past 19th nationally ranked Mt. Hood CC.

The Cougars scored 87½ points followed by Mt. Hood's 64½, Pacific JV's 49½ and SWOCC's 38¼.

Four Cougar men were champions in their weight divisions as well as a second, third and fourth place finisher.

Nathan Winner won four matches at 142 taking the championship in 2:30 by pinning Greg Kamakaala of Pacific. Winner's current season record is 28-1.

At 118 Wentworth defeated SWOCC's Eric Kaneshiro 13-6 while Rob and Mike Bolf captured the titles at 126 and 134.

Rob took a 17-2 decision over Tim Stare of Mt. Hood at 126 and at 134 his brother Mike earned a 13-6 decision over Kim Elashmitt of Southern Oregon.

Kevin Paquette took second place at heavy weight, Doug Horne placed third at 190 and Doug Gunnels placed fourth at 177.

Cougar coach Norm Berney didn't expect to beat Mt. Hood by such a wide margin at the Pacific Invitational. "I thought it would be a one or two point margin," he said. "We beat them pretty handedly, but they were weak. We're always pretty close, but our guys performed well," he added.

Berney has been pleased with the performance of his grapplers and is currently looking toward gaining national ranking by defeating Mt. Hood Wednesday night. "If we beat them, then we'll be dual meet champions for Oregon," he said.

Berney has high hopes for the Mt. Hood match, but said he may be lacking one champion. Mike Bolf, who injured his ribs during a recent practice might not be able to compete. "He's in good shape," Berney said. "It's just whether he can get on the mat and wrestle."

Berney felt his men can do it, but he said, "It's a matter of who can put the right people where."



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