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**FOR TWO, Cougar Denise Wheatley shoots during Friday's game against Umpqua.**

## Cougars slip by Umpqua; looking toward playoffs

By Jay Lynch  
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The Clackamas Community College women's basketball team took to their home floor for the last time this season and defeated Umpqua CC, 50-49.

"It was a very key win for us," coach Nancy Mikleton commented as the Cougars came from behind for the win.

Cindy Johnston had a key theft and break away bucket to cut a five point deficit that Umpqua

had maintained most of the second half.

The Cougars were led by Mary Christensen, who had her "best game of the season," according to Mikleton, with 20 points on 8 of 10 from the floor and 4 of 4 from the charity stripe, including two freethrows in the final minute which provided the difference. Denise Wheatley contributed 10 points to the winners.

Lynn Dirkey, the number two scorer in the league, was

held to 17 points, well below her season average.

"The girls are starting to peak," explained Coach Mikleton. "We have to win two of our last three games and defeat Blue Mountain CC to make the playoffs."

The Cougars have three games this week on the road starting in Salem Wednesday night against Chemeketa followed by Friday and Saturday games with Blue Mountain and Mt. Hood CC.

## Cougar men 13-11; tied for 3rd

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The College men's basketball team played host for the last time this season to Umpqua Community College. This was a "must win game" for the Cougars, according to coach Royce Kiser.

The Cougars were led by Tom Welle who dominated with 26 points and 23 rebounds. Dan Hanson and Dave Carlson scored 17 and 13 points respectively, and Jim Jill added 12 points and 13 rebounds. Tom Jones dealt 13 assists although he was in foul trouble early in the first half.

Berney said his team put out a good effort and competed well considering they weren't a full team, but he's looking up to better things in Regional action this weekend. "It's our last chance to offset Mt. Hood," he said, "We'll have to put it together this week."

The Cougars and Mt. Hood are three and three in tournaments and one and one in dual action.

The Cougars will host the Region 18 Tournament this weekend.

In the early season polls, Umpqua was picked as one of the top teams in the conference. The Cougars rebounding edge and 27 Umpqua turnovers proved to be the difference.

"Our reserves played some quality minutes," Kiser commented. "We won that game with our depth."

This was the Cougars third "key" win in a row and puts them at 13-11, and a tie for third place. Chemeketa Community College and Mt. Hood Community College are tied for first and the Cougars need a win over either one of them to

make the play offs. The Cougars play on the road three times this week. Wednesday the Cougs go to Salem to challenge Chemeketa, and then on Friday and Saturday they go to Pendleton and Gresham to see Blue Mountain CC and Mt. Hood CC, respectively.

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## Cougar grapplers 2nd in conference

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The Cougar matmen battled their way to a second place finish last weekend with four championships in the OCCAA Conference Wrestling Tournament held in Coos Bay.

After defeating dual opponent Mt. Hood CC in a recent dual match, the Cougars came back taking a 1 1/2 point lead at conference. Mt. Hood scored 84 1/2 with Clackamas falling at 83.

At 118 lb., Troy Wentworth took the top seat defeating Ed Pruitt of Umpqua CC 11-8.

Three of Wentworth's teammates also took top seats with Mike Bolf topping Robert Lambert of Umpqua in 2:22 at 144, Nathan Winner defeating Chuck Lumpkin of Mt. Hood

6-2 at 142, and at 190, Doug Horne downed Chris Strain of Lane CC 8-6.

The Cougar squad competed minus Rob Bolf who is out with injuries sustained recently but Cougar coach Norm Berney said, "We really did a good job considering we had one of our top wrestlers out."

Berney was pleased with his team's performance stating, "The people competed well. We had six guys in finals and four of them had never placed in a state tournament before which is very unusual."

The Cougars lost two one-point matches that, according to Berney were, "very important. It came down to the last two matches. There were a lot of ways we could have won it."

## SPORTS ACTION

Feb. 17-Women's Basketball vs. Chemeketa CC in Salem at 6 p.m.

Feb. 17-Men's Basketball vs. Chemeketa CC in Salem at 8 p.m.

Feb. 19-20-Cougar Wrestling hosts the Region 18 Tournament

Feb. 19-Women's Basketball vs. Blue Mt. CC in La Grande at 6 p.m.

Feb. 19-Men's Basketball vs. Blue Mt. CC in La Grande at 8 p.m.

Feb. 20-Women's Basketball vs. Mt. Hood CC in Gresham at 6 p.m.

Feb. 20-Men's Basketball vs. Mt. Hood CC in Gresham at 8 p.m.

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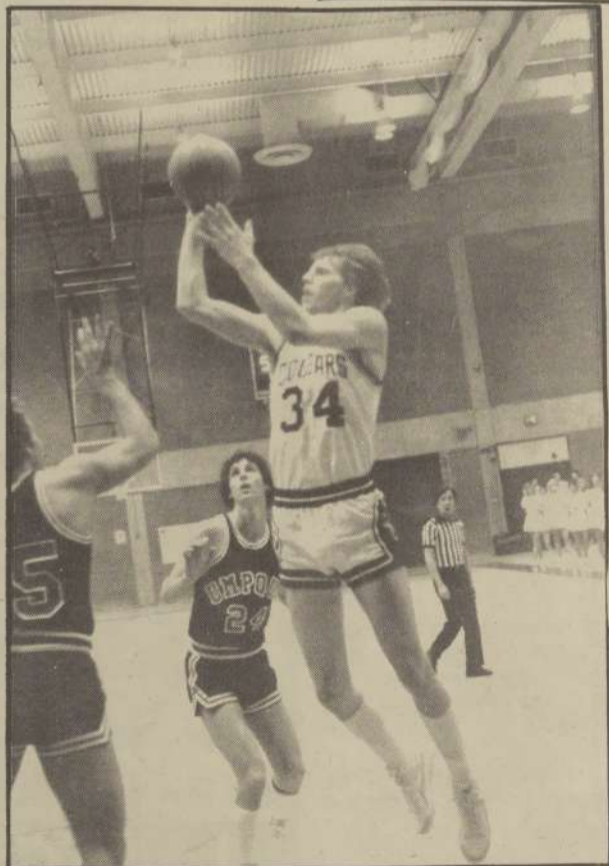


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**UP AND OVER** forward Jim Hill shoots over his Umpqua opponent.

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