

Cagers take 4th; make playoffs

The Clackamas Community College women's basketball team snatched up two victories of their last three games of the season on the road to earn a 10-6 league record and a shot at playoffs.

The Cougars fell 50-52 to Chemeketa CC Wednesday night despite the scoring efforts of Denise Wheatley with 23, Cyd McCormick with 10 and Sharon Larson with seven points.

Terri Kelly led in rebounding and assists with eight and nine.

With five seconds left on the clock the ball was passed to Kelly who made a shot bringing the score to 51-50, but she was

called for charging. Cougar coach Nancy Mikleton said, "It was kind of a funky call. I thought she got fouled."

The Cougs just didn't play up to par, according to

Mikleton. "They weren't playing too sharp that game," she said, "but they were by no means out of the game. They were doing some mental errors."

Things started looking up Friday though as the Cougar women downed Blue Mountain CC 70-67 in overtime.

At regulation time, the score was tied at 63, but with Cindy Johnston shooting two in the last 10 seconds and Denise Wheatley's efforts at the

free-throw line the Cougars outscored Blue Mountain seven to four in overtime.

Leading scorers for the Cougars were Cindy Johnston with 18, Mary Christensen with 13, Sharon Larson with 13 and Terri Kelly with 12.

"We beat them at the free-throw line," Mikleton said. The Cougs were 18 for 32 with Blue Mountain at 9 for 14.

The Cougars made 26 field goals for Blue Mountain's 29, but with the free-throws the Cougs led the game up to two or three minutes remaining when Blue Mountain pulled out by four and, "we had trouble doing it until the last 40 seconds," Mikleton said.

The Cougars had an advantage over Blue Mountain

when three of their players fouled out.

Saturday night the Cougars took on Mt. Hood CC pulling off a 65-54 victory with four double-figures in scoring by Sharon Larson with 18, Cindy Johnston with 13, Terri Kelly with 12 and Mary Christensen with 11.

The Cougs took the top seat from the free-throw line shooting 17 for 26 compared to Mt. Hood's six for eight.

Sharon Larson and Terri Kelly "did a really good job on the boards," according to Mikleton, with Larson grabbing 11 rebounds and Kelly scooping up nine.

"They've had better games, but the kids pulled through and played pretty well.

I think that the double figures keep us balanced."

With a shot now at playoffs the Cougar women will play Umpqua CC and then Chemeketa CC. Both teams were tied for third place. The Cougars will have to beat out both teams to make Regionals, according to Mikleton.

I think we're ready for it she said. "We need to be up to it and be mentally prepared. We'll try to open up Cindy in offense and we'll work on rebounding. We need to get the ball out and make fast breaks."

Mikleton said, "If they maintain their steady adrenalin, it'll show up in these games. The key is that we know we have the potential and the ability to beat them."

Cougars end season on negative note

By Jay D. Lynch
Of The Print

Cougar men's basketball invaded Salem and Chemeketa Community College, Feb. 17, and they put up a valiant effort. But Chemeketa was just "too tough," according to Assistant Coach Dan Slick. Clackamas came away on the short end of a 97-68 rubbing.

Clackamas was led by Jim Hill, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds. Tom Elkins had 12, Dave Carlson had 11, and Tom Welle contributed 10 points to the losing cause. Chemeketa was led by Brad Craft, who had 19 points.

"Chemeketa is just starting to peak," Slick commented. "They have all-stars who sit on the bench." Friday night Clackamas traveled to play Blue Mountain Community College. The ride was worth it, as Clackamas defeated Blue Mountain, 75-73.

The Cougars were led by Tom Welle, who netted 20 points and tore down eight rebounds. John Welle and Jim Hill both grabbed nine rebounds. Welle contributed 14 points and Hill scored 13. Dan Hanson also scored 16 for the winners. Randy Thompson from Blue Mountain scored 28 points to lead all scoring.

Saturday the Cougars traveled to Gresham to challenge the Mt. Hood Community College Saints. The Cougars needed a win to ensure a play-off position, but Mt. Hood proved too tough and took the win, 80-65. Tom Jones led the Cougars scoring with 14 points. Jim Hill and Tom Elkins scored 13 and 12, respectively. Tom Welle scored 10 points and combined with brother John to corral 21 rebounds.

Chemeketa and Mt. Hood tied for first place in the league and received play-off bids. The Cougar season came to an end on a technicality.

HELP WANTED

No Experience Necessary

You can get college credit and some great experience. All you have to do is write stories for The Print. Call 657-8400, ext. 309. Ask for Rick (Editor).

Miller times starring Miller High Life

