

Women take third at tournament

By Wanda Percival
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The Cougar women's basketball team fared well, but not as well as expected last weekend when they placed third in the College of the Redwoods eight-team tournament.

"I thought we'd be in the top two," stated Head Coach Nancy Mikleton. "I think we were one of the favorite teams there, but we played terrible in the second game, we just weren't ready for it and came in third."

The Cougar women started their California weekend facing the College of the Siskiyous coming up with a 64-46 victory.

Denise Wheatley and Jamie Hill were strong for the Cougars. Wheatley scored 16 points and Hill scored 13 and picked up 13 rebounds.

"We definitely controlled the boards in that game," Mikleton said. "We controlled

the tempo and our press was good."

Clackamas didn't come through their second game so well when they fell to Shasta Community College, 60-56.

"I don't think that should have happened," Mikleton said, "but it's good to get it out of our system early."

The Cougars shot only 36 percent from the floor which Mikleton noted "wasn't too terrific."

Clackamas had trouble containing Shasta's center, Sarah Rowley and guard, Shari Staulil. Rowley scored 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds while Staulil scored 18 points picking up 14 rebounds.

Kathy Strickler was the Cougar's leading scorer with 21 points. "She did some nice things pressing and played good defense too," Mikleton said.

Strickler was followed in scoring by Hill with 12 and

Mary Christenson with 11.

Terri Kelly led in rebounding with 11.

The major cause of the Cougar loss according to Mikleton was their shooting percentage from the free-throw line. They were 8 for 20, a 40 percent average. "That's one stat that just killed us," Mikleton said.

The loss to Shasta put the Cougars in third place where they played the College of the Redwoods. At regulation time the score was tied at 78, but the Cougars pulled off a 91-79 overtime victory.

"They had big foul problems," Mikleton said. "They only had two players left in the end."

Wheatley lead in scoring with 17 points. "She helped us pull it through," Mikleton said.

Hill got into foul trouble early and only played for about 15 minutes, but Mikleton felt she played well. She scored 16



Phil Garver

points and nabbed 6 rebounds.

Strickler and Kelly were two strong assets for the Cougar squad with Strickler offering seven assists and nine rebounds, and Kelly scoring 14 points and three assists.

Overall, Mikleton is pleas-

ed with the performance of her team. "They're starting to jell a little bit," she said. "I'm very optimistic, but it's hard to tell how the season will go. We haven't played four-year programs before and experience can be a factor, but if we play to our capabilities we should do very well this season. We definitely have the potential."

Assistant coach, Phil Garver is also pleased with this year's team stating, "This is the most talented team the College has ever had. We have depth down to the twelfth person."

Concerning this past weekend's third place victory Garver noted, "What won it for us is our talent. We had spurts of playing good ball but times of playing ratball."

Clackamas will host two games this weekend playing Lewis and Clark varsity Friday at 6 p.m. and Willamette varsity at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Basketballers on road trip to Great White North

By Tracy M. Sumner
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The College men's basketball team showed its best and its worst last weekend in Vancouver, British Columbia, as they finished the Canadian road trip winning two games and losing one.

Tom Welle led the way for the Cougars with 26 points, 18 in the second half, to an impressive 90-83 triumph over Vancouver City College last Thursday.

"Tom played excellent in the second half," College basketball mentor Royce Kiser said. "I don't think he played very well at all in the first half, but he did a great job on both defense and offense in the second half."

Vancouver's 7-1 center Cord Clemens' performance seemed to be the exact opposite of Welle's. Clemens was nearly unstoppable in the first half of the game scoring 17 points before intermission. He finished with 24 points before fouling out near the four-minute mark.

"He (Clemens) gave us quite a few problems in the first

half, but we controlled him very well in the second," Kiser said.

Mark McLaughlin, Dave Carlson, and Scott Remly each added 12 points for the Cougars. Jim Hill was held to nine for the game. Doug McKinley led Vancouver with 27 points.

"We played good basketball to beat Vancouver," Kiser stated. "Vancouver's a good team, they feel they're going to win the (Canadian) national championship."

Clackamas trailed 48-46 at half time but rallied behind Welle to out score Vancouver

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44-35 in the second stanza to win.

Hill broke loose for 22 points and Bob Nippert added a season high 20 to lead Clackamas to a 104-55 blow-out of Capilano, also of Vancouver, BC, last Friday. Tom Welle hauled down 17 rebounds to go with his 12 points to aid the Cougar cause.

Playing iratically through much of the first half, Clackamas led 40-23 at the

break. In the second half the Cougars played what was their best of the season outscoring Capilano 64-32 to run away with the game.

"The 49 point win was not indicative of their talent," said Assistant Basketball Coach Paul Fiskum. "It was just that we played our absolute best and they played their worst. In the second half, we played as well as the game can be played," Kiser said. "No matter who we put in they were hot. Our defense was good, our offense was good, our running game was good."

When a college team

scores 64 points in one half, "good" seems to be a bit of an understatement in describing a team's play. Also scoring in double figures for Clackamas were Tim Gardner with 12 points, McLaughlin with 10 and Remly with 10.

The third and last game of the trip was where things turned ugly for the Cougars. The same Capilano team that Clackamas had buried by nearly 50 points performed the

turn-around of the decade by defeating the Cougars 76-74. Kiser described his team's play in one word . . .

"Pathetic," he said. "We played terrible. It didn't matter who I put in. We played about as poorly as we can play and they played about as well as

they can play." Tom Welle and Dave Carlson led Clackamas with 19 and 17 points, respectively.

The Cougar's record now stands at 4-3. The team's next action is this Friday here with Yakima Valley. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.



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