

## Play-off hopes trashed in loss to 'Valley CC

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Unfortunately, Kathi Woods does not coach the handgrenade team.

The women's volleyball team dropped a fatal four game set to Treasure Valley Community College which ended any chance of a regional or national berth.

The Valley girls turned back the Cougar women fairly convincingly 15-11, 15-8, 4-15, and 15-7. The match was to determine the opponent of Rick's College at regionals later in the season.

"I thought we would play really well," Woods said. "But we weren't together as a team, there were a lot of individuals out there."

Failure to mesh as a unit has hurt the Cougar women this season, Woods said. "We are capable of beating Treasure Valley," Woods stated.

The first year coach had a good feeling going into the all important Treasure Valley matchup. The night before her



Kathi Woods

team turned back a strong challenge from North Idaho. "That was the best match we have played all year. It all came together," the coach said.

The scores were 15-6, 10-15, 15-4, 15-17, and 15-8. "We play so much better at night. We are just a night team I guess," Woods assessed.

The Cougar coach was

impressed with the statistics her team was able to compile in the five game victory.

"We had another excellent game serving," she said. The team was able to convert on 97 percent. The attack was spearheaded by Lori Chisholm and Les Kingsbury who combined for a perfect 50 of 50.

The team's service reception was up at 87 percent, which in turn led to the 70 kills that the Cougs were able to record. Kelly Flanagan and Pam Webber were each credited with 17, while Lynn Smith recorded 15. Chisholm and Webber recorded 23 and 20 assists, respectively.

Coming off their best effort of the year Woods had to feel good. "It's our inability to come together as a team at times," Woods said. The statistics revealed the story. There were some outstanding individual efforts but the team stats were efforts lacking.

Service reception was down at 77 percent, consequently lowering the attack

percentage to 71 percent. Serving was even down at 93 percent.

Kingsbury, Flanagan and Chisholm once again posted impressive individual statistics. "Les Kingsbury had her best game of the year blocking. Her timing was on, it really helped us out," Woods said.

Kingsbury, the frosh from Aloha High, had seven blocks and was 19 of 21 receiving serve. Chisholm, the other half of the Aloha connection, had yet another game of 20 or more assists, as she recorded 20.

The 5 foot 9 inch Flanagan used her height to full advantage in scoiring 10 kills. She was also a perfect 100 percent serving.

One bright spot in the opening match loss to Rick's College was the fact that the Cougar women were the only team to even win a single game off the Rexburg, Idaho based team. The scores, 9-15, and 15-7 were the scores.

"Our attacking was down dramatically because we

couldn't hit around their blocks," Woods said. "We weren't quite together, but were competitive. We played okay, but not good enough. They are beatable."

Woods' squad experienced another strong effort serving, 64 of 66, 97 percent.

The Cougars overall record is now 11-8. With four games left and no chance at post season play, will the team have any problem motivating themselves?

"No, I don't think so," Woods said. "It was close and it was a good fight. We played better than we did before. Our goal now is to improve our overall record. We just have to set different goals now."

Clackamas had three women named to the all-region team. Kelly Flanagan was one of only two non-Rick's players to make the first team. Lori Chisholm and Pam Webber were selected to the second team. "These were well deserved and respectable honors," Woods said.

## Only time will cure offensive impotence

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Monday morning Janos Szanto was willing to talk about just about anything (flying hippos, volleyball, etc.). Anything except soccer.

"We just lost," said the dejected coach. Szanto realizes the bottom line is goals scored. His team did not score any goals and the University of Oregon happened to score two. "We play soccer for goals," he said.

Oregon has to feel fortunate escaping Oregon City with the victory. "We hit the goal post about five times and



Janos Szanto  
Photos by Joel Miller

we missed empty goals about five times," Szanto explained. "They had two chances, and scored on both."

"I don't think we could play much better. I like to think that everybody plays as good as they are able to. We are playing well," Szanto said.

The former Olympian knows from experience that his team is suffering from a little streak of "bad luck." More specifically, 270 minutes of bad luck. Not counting one penalty kick conversion, the team has been shutout over the last 270 minutes.

"Everybody is frustrated. We were like a machine gun (vs. UO). We were shooting like a Russian tank," Szanto said.

Szanto has had to juggle his front line with the injury to center-midfielder Scott Galloway, the player Szanto refers to as the teams' "backbone."

The shuffled front line did not hurt the offensive attack. "The new line worked very well. Three times we had everybody to their goal," Szanto said.

"The way we played Saturday, it should have been enough to win. It's in the air, it's coming. I'd like to believe it's going to be Saturday (vs. Portland CC)," Szanto stated.

The coach is not looking past Wednesdays rematch with



HEADS—Clackamas' Tim Canfield (9) goes for header in Saturday's action vs. University of Oregon, J.R. Allen (4) watches on. The Cougars lost the game 2-0.

Seattle Pacific University (5:30 at Memorial Stadium in Seattle) but realizes that the most important game is the opening round match with PCC.

"We are going to relax and play really good soccer. We'll try to use that game (SPU) to put something together," Szanto said.

Saturdays play-off game will be played at 2:00 on PCC's home gridiron.

"We are able to beat anybody. We have not lost anything yet and still have everything in our hand. We have to relax and play good soccer, using our heads," Szanto assessed.

The winning team in the Clackamas vs. Portland matchup will play the victor of the Oregon State vs. University of Oregon game for the state championship. The Cougars have been to the finals in each of the past three years, and won once.



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