

Sports

Hoopers fare well in early season tourneys

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The 1983-84 basketball season is in full swing and with what head coach Royce Kiser has seen of his team so far, he is projecting an optimistic outlook for this season.

"They are going to be pretty fair before the year's over if we don't get any injuries," Kiser stated. The Cougars split their two games at the Walla-Walla Invitational and placed third in their opening action of the year at the College of the Siskiyous.

Bob Nippert's 17 points and a balanced scoring attack, which saw four Cougars hit double figures, was not enough to overcome a stubborn Bellevue Community College squad as Kiser's team was bested 81-76, in the first round of the Walla-Walla tournament. "Year in and year out Bellevue has a good team up there in

Washington," Kiser said. "We got beat in the last six minutes, we should have won the game."

Nippert also led the Cougar team in rebounding with nine. "Nippert is a much improved player from a year ago," the coach said. Bellevue held a slight edge in the rebounding column 46-42.

Clackamas bounced back the next day to dispense of Portland Community College in convincing fashion 87-72. Frosh guard Pete Newlin converted 11 of 15 from the field and ended with 24 points to pace the Cougars.

The Cougars pounced on the Portland club early and held a 42-33 advantage at the half. A relentless scoring attack, which saw the Oregon City team shoot a blistering 64 percent from the floor, would prevent the Portland Squad from cutting the gap.

Kiser feels only now are his big men coming around. "It takes some of

the bigger players a little longer to get in shape," he explained. "Perregrin started slow but has come on real strong (nine rebounds and seven points versus Portland) over the last week."

With his starting back court tandem plagued with injuries early in the season Kiser feels only now are they beginning to produce effectively. "Both (Jerry) Olson and (Tim) Gardner were hurt. They are playing much better and gave us a lift." The two combined for 16 points and were six of eight from the floor.

The Cougars won two of three in the Siskiyous tournaments, held in Weed, Calif., the week prior. Sophomore Mike Imper averaged 15 points per game and was named to the All-Tournament team.

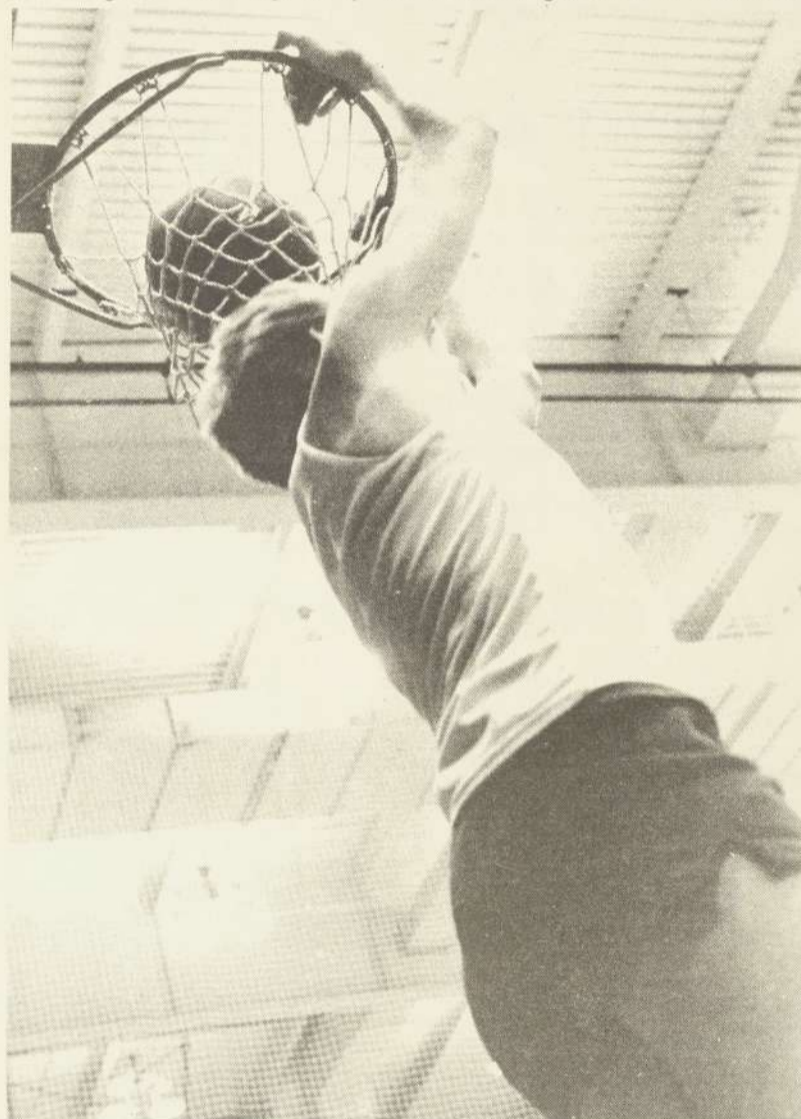
Imper and Newlin combined for 37 points, and Rodger Edwards grabbed 13 rebounds as the Cougars whipped Mendicino 80-60, in the first round. "When he's (Edwards) hustling he plays pretty well," Kiser said of the freshman forward.

Shasta Junior College, last year's California state champs, held Clackamas to a dismal 30 percent from the floor, and ran away from the Cougs 64-48, in the second round.

A limited offensive attack which saw four players score all but four of team's 66 points was enough to turn back the College of the Redwoods 66-63, for third place.

Edwards again led all Coug rebounders with 14 markers.

First home action for Clackamas is Dec. 3, against Clark College at 8:00.



STUFFING, HOLD THE TURKEY—Bob Nippert works on his dunk shot in practice. Nippert scored 18 points in 87-72 win over Portland C.C.

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