

Sports

Cagers third in Blues Classic tournament

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The Clackamas Community College Men's Basketball team played their best game of the year in a 108-52 thrashing of Victoria Community College to capture third place in the Blues Classic hosted by Capilano Community College, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

The eight team field was dominated by the host team,

even though Clackamas coach Royce Kiser felt the team was Vancouver Community College. Vancouver beat Clackamas in the semi-finals, but lost to Capilano by a point in the finals.

"They (Vancouver Community College) were a very tough team," Kiser said. "Last year they got second in their (Canada) national tournament. Going into this tournament they were ranked se-

cond nationally."

Kiser said that the Canadian teams were at an advantage because their junior colleges allow three years of eligibility. The tournament was also run under international rules, which Kiser's squad had to adjust to.

"The game for third place was our only solid game of the tournament," Kiser said. "We weren't consistent in any of the games except for that one."

The reason for the consistency Kiser referred to as "we played the players who we felt were listening to us. They did more of what we said they had to do. We were ready to play."

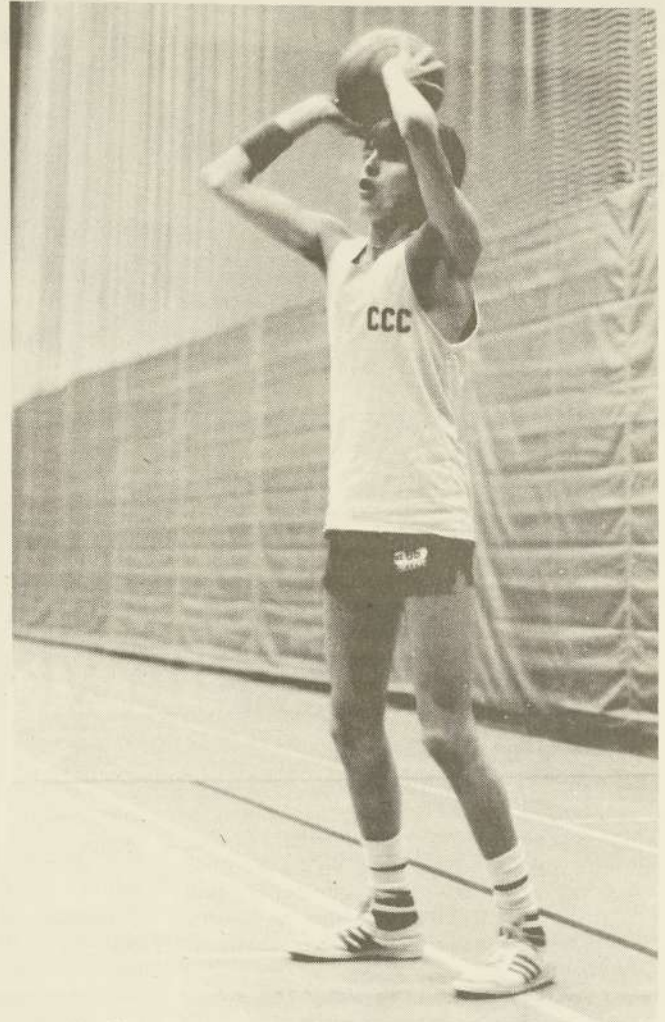
The next big game is against Clark Community College of Vancouver, Wash., tonight at Clark. Kiser is hoping that the Cougars' play against Victoria Community College will carry over to the game against Clark.

"We have been beat by Clark once this year, and we would like nothing more than to go over there and beat them on their home court," Kiser said. "We've got a pretty good rivalry going between us, so we'd like to get revenge."

Kiser said that the two most consistent players on his team have been Bob Nippert and Mike Imper. Both sophomore forwards have anchored the Cougar's attack in rebounding and scoring.

Roger Edwards, 6-foot-8-inch sophomore center, has had a good year so far, Kiser said, but his playing in the Blues Classic was not as consistent.

A big surprise to the Cougar, Kiser said, has been point guard Doug Coffman.



Pete Newlin

"Doug (Coffman) has been a surprise from the beginning. He has played really well at the point guard, and you can tell he is improving."

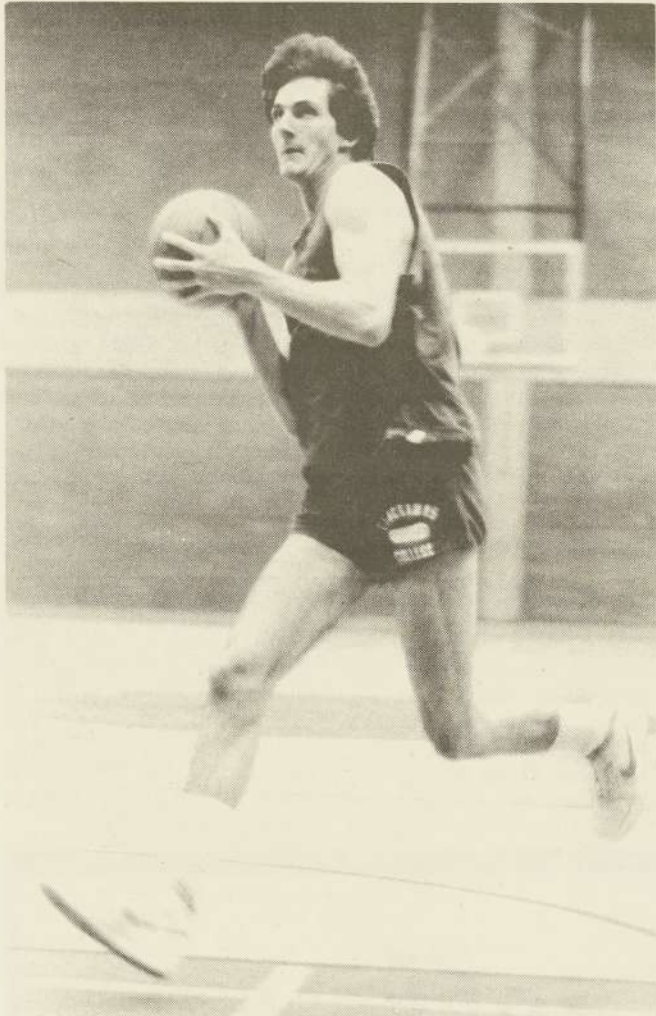
Coffman, along with the playing of Jerry Olsen and Tim Gardner at the guard positions, has given Kiser a trio that he can rely on. Pete Newlin, a local Lake Oswego product, has also shown signs that he can play consistently at the guard slot.

"At a community college you have the problem of playing too many players at the first part of the season, so you get to know what your players can do," Kiser said. "At a four-year school you're going to have the same players back. That is why we usually start off slow."

Kiser said the victory over Victoria looked as if it would be the turning point for the Cougars. Last year's turnaround for Clackamas ended with a streak of 14 wins in 15 outings. Kiser would like to see the Victoria win as the start of this year's turnaround.

Another key win for the Cougs was a four point win over an "always tough" Lower Columbia Community College team during Winter break.

"It was only the second time we have played against them (Lower Columbia Community College) since I have been here, and the first time we got embarrassed," Kiser said. "They are a very good basketball team year after year."



Roger Edwards

ACU-I tourney dates set for January

Clackamas and the ACU-I (Association of College Unions-International) are once again sponsoring tournaments in Backgammon, Billiards, Bowling, Chess, and Foosball. Winners qualify for the regional competition in Bozeman, Montana.

BACKGAMMON—There will be a participants meeting Jan. 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the fireside lounge. The tournament will follow, so bring your own board.

BILLIARDS—The participant meeting will take place Jan. 16, at 4:00 p.m. in the recreation center. At approximately 4:45, following the meeting and draw the tourney will start.

CHESS—The meeting is slated for 4:00 p.m. Jan. 16, in the fireside lounge. Play will

commence at 4:30, bring your own boards and men.

BOWLING—Meeting is set for Jan. 18, at 3:30 in the Tri-City Bowling Alley. Bowling starts at 3:45. Shoes are 50¢ and games are \$1.20 each.

FOOSBALL—The meeting is Jan. 18 at 4:00 p.m. This is an open doubles tournament which starts at 4:30 p.m.

Entry fees are only two dollars per event.

First place winners will receive an all expenses paid trip to the regional competition, plus a recreation area t-shirt, certificate, and two lunch tickets.

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