

Garver baffled over recent shooting slump

Women head east to face Rick's, CSI, T'Valley

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Phil Garver isn't worried. Too much anyway.

He could be, sure. For he has seen his womens' basketball team fall into a tailspin as of late, dropping two of their last three games. Their overall record is now 7-9.

"We just ate too much fudge over Christmas, I guess," Garver said. "If we get that (shooting percentage) up we'll be okay," added the optimistic first-year head coach.

The shots just aren't falling for Garver's squad these days. The only thing that has been falling for the Cougars lately is their team shooting percentage, which is currently at a meager 38 percent.



Phil Garver

Two of the brighter spots on the stats sheet thus far have been Sophomores Lynn Smyth and Lynn Kershaw. "They have been pulling us through," Garver stated simply.

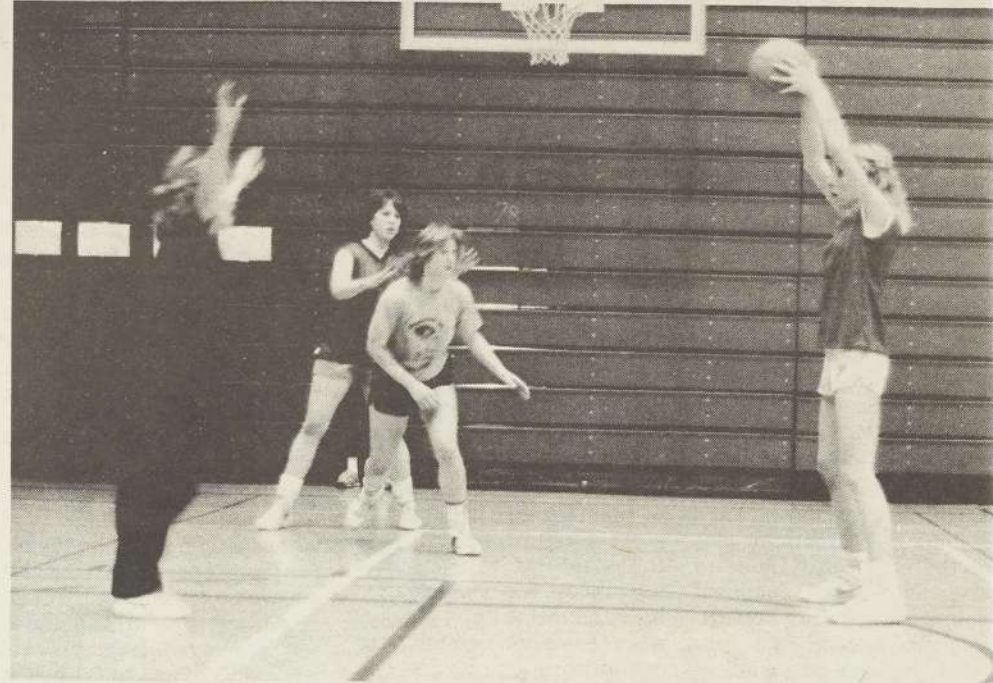
Smyth, a transfer from Treasure Valley, has been a force to be reckoned with inside all year for the Cougars. Raising her scoring average to 12.5 points per game, she has picked up some of the slack offensively.

Kershaw, the 1982 Lake Oswego grad, is having the kind of year everyone expected statistically. Kershaw has played the enforcer role, while covering both ends of the court. She is averaging 8.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Carol Hashberger's playing has not been overlooked by Garver either. Hashberger leads the team in rebounding with a 7.8 average. "She has been doing an outstanding job," Garver stated.

In a recent 81-51 drubbing at the hands of Clark College, it wasn't that the Cougars were shooting poorly (45 percent), it was just that Clark was on fire. They lit up the scoreboard, shooting an astonishing 74 percent from the floor.

Actually Garver's squad played the Clark team even-up in almost all phases of the game. Clackamas held a huge advantage in the rebounding



column 47-33.

A key for the Clark club was that it was able to keep the Cougar offensive attack off balance all night. Clackamas' top three scorers were kept under wraps and held to a dismal 36 percent from the floor.

With the services of Sophomore Sherri Bull limited due to injury, Garver stated simply, "She's a floor leader, it has hurt us."

A pleasant surprise for Garver has been the play of Mo Wills. "She has gone in and done some good things at

the guard position," Garver said. Her play has so impressed Garver that he said she will be starting Thursday against Rick's College, in Rexberg, Idaho.

This week Clackamas plays successive games versus Rick's, College of Southern Idaho, and Treasure Valley, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, respectively.

"It's going to be a really good test for us this week," Garver professed. "We are pretty comparable to Rick's and played them tough last year," he added.

Garver realizes that the stiff schedule can only help his team when it comes down to play-off time. "I'd rather play the tough schools," he said.

After all a .500 season must be first put into perspective, then tossed out the door when the whistle blows to start the first post season game.

"We're fighting back, I haven't given up."
—Phil Garver

"Things are going pretty well," Garver said with optimism. (They could be worse, you know.) "I look, by the end of the year, to at least have a winning record," he added.

Dingeman 'smooth' in decisive pool win

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Using a borrowed stick, Oregon City's Mike Dingeman was able to capture this year's ACU-I billiards championship. Dingeman will now travel to Bozeman, Mont. for the regional tournament.

In the opening round Dingeman made quick work of highly regarded shark Jim Austin, 2-0. Wayne Sanman then fell, 2-1 and Bob Martin was disposed of easily, 3-1. Dingeman then soundly turned back Randy Gately, 3-1.

The sophomore used Don Anderson's 17-ounce Mali cue in the latter rounds. "That stick was sweet. I just couldn't miss with it," Dingeman said Tuesday morning after the tournament.

Dingeman, who has played pool at home for the past eight to ten years, was subtly confident going in. "I felt I had a good chance. There were

a lot of good pool players, it could have gone either way," he said.

"He was smooth, very smooth. He was positioning the ball where he wanted. He had a lot of confidence in



Mike Dingeman

himself and it helped," Don Anderson, fellow shark assessed. "Confidence" might well be an understatement. Anderson informed this reporter that Dingeman had won 13 in a row earlier in the day.

Wayne Sanman was the only contestant that even gave Dingeman a scare. "The toughest match I had was against Wayne. It went down to the eight ball in the third game," Dingeman said.

Dingeman, an engineering major, will receive an all expenses paid trip to Bozeman, Mont. for regionals. The two-day competition will be held Feb. 17 and 18. Dave Buckley, activities coordinator, informed us that all four-year schools from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington and about half of the community colleges will be represented.

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