

Women play 'real well,' drop Rick's, 'Valley

By Rob Conner
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Women's basketball coach Phil Garver was still bubbling Tuesday morning following his team's very successful 800-mile, three-game, road trip over the weekend.

"We could have almost won all three of them," Garver said. "After the Rick's game we were real pumped."

Clackamas dropped Rick's, fell to the College of Southern Idaho, then finished up the trip with a win over Treasure Valley Community College.

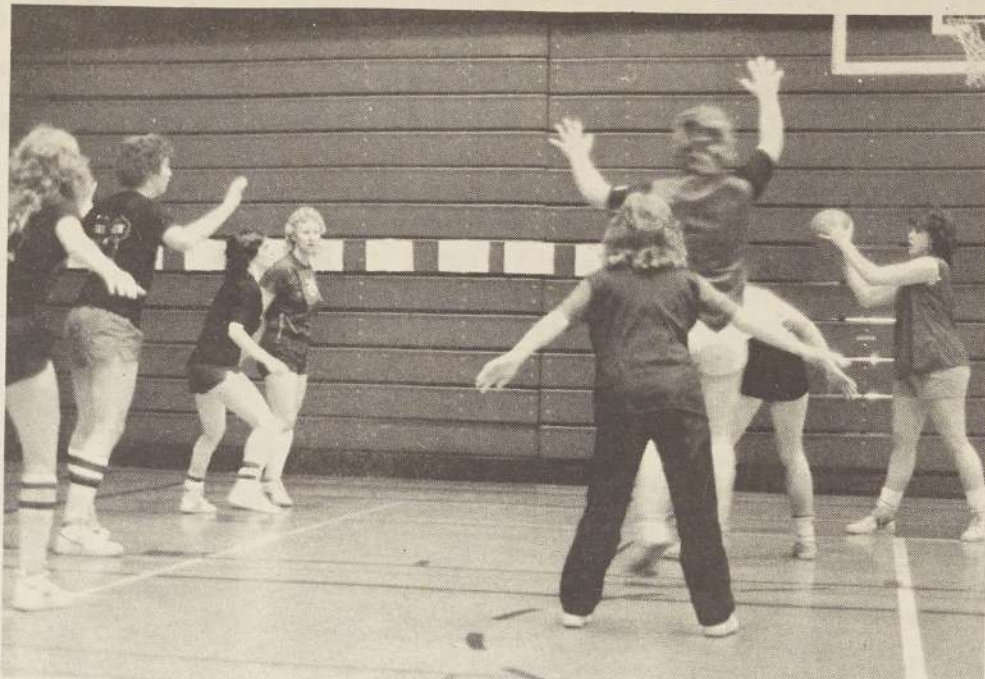
The Cougars stunned the capacity Rexburg crowd with a thrilling two-point barn-burner, 68-66. "We played really, really well. I don't know if we played over our head or what," Garver beamed.

With one minute remaining, Garver's squad held a seemingly commanding eight-point lead. "The officials put them back in it. They made some real lunar calls," Garver said.

Terri Johnson set up the margin of victory by sinking the front end of a one-and-one, with :12 left on the clock.

"We were waiting for the clock to start," Garver said. In the final :12, Rick's was able to bring the ball up court and get off four shots, none of which were successful.

"You'd think we had won the NCAA playoffs," Garver



HANDS UP!—Lynn Kershaw (R) works defense drill in practice.

Photo by Joel Miller

stated, reliving the moment. "There were (probably) 3,000 people there. They were sold out," he added.

Lynn Smith hit nine of 18 field goal attempts to lead the Cougars with 18 points. Carol Hashberger and Lynn Kershaw each collected 12 rebounds.

The next evening the Oregon City clan put a scare into the College of Southern Idaho, in a contest that was much closer than the final score indicated. CSI upped it's

season record to 11-7 with the 77-59 win.

"We came out firing. He (CSI's coach) had three time outs in the first five minutes," Garver said.

The Cougars found it hard to reel in the tough CSI club once they began to pull away. "They (CSI) couldn't miss," Garver said. The Idaho team hit 57 percent of their shots from the field, while Clackamas could manage only a dismal 27 percent clip.

Garver's troops kept

relatively close during the second half but could not cash in at the charity stripe. "If we'd made our freethrows," the coach pondered. "We put the pressure on them."

Lynn Smith and Carol Hashberger scored 17 and 13 points respectively, which was half the Cougar attack. Hashberger also grabbed eight rebounds.

In the third game of the Eastern swing, Clackamas dropped Treasure Valley Community College by 15,

69-54. "It was pretty close at first, then we took it to them," Garver explained.

"Every one of the girls played well," he said. Lynn Smith again led the Cougar attack posting 16 points. Mo Weil added a season high of 13, off the bench. Lynn Kershaw was credited with 11 rebounds.

'You'd think we had won the NCAA play-offs,' — Phil Garver

"The enthusiasm was at a high with all the girls," Garver said of the trip.

The Cougar women are at Lewis and Clark Thursday, then host Centralia Community College Friday night before the men's game.

As far as the play-off picture looks, it goes somewhat like this: The Eastern teams have their own league, in which the top three are given a berth. The fourth-place team, which at the moment is Treasure Valley, must play Clackamas to determine the final regional position. College of Southern Idaho, Northern Idaho, Rick's and Treasure Valley are the four Eastern schools. Only the first place team at regionals qualifies for the National tournament.

Men's basketball

Surprise! Defense shuts down Lewis & Clark JV's

By Doug Vaughan
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Defense has been a concern of Clackamas Community College Men's Basketball Coach Royce Kiser all season. Last Wednesday, these concerns were relieved, at least for most of the game.

Kiser's crew played 25 minutes of 'good defense' to hold off a tough Lewis and Clark junior varsity squad, 84-69. In their previous game against Clark Community College of Vancouver, Wash., Kiser saw his team give up 107 points in a critical loss to their rival.

"It is just something that the team as a whole is going to have to work on," Kiser said of his team's defense. "It is something that has plagued us all year."

Even though Kiser admits that he did not see 40 minutes of good defense played by the Cougars, there was improvement from their thrashing by Clark.

"The first half (of the

Lewis and Clark game) we played excellent defense and it ended up giving us the win," Kiser said. "The second half we played well, but we let up on our defense and they were able to close our lead, but we kept our poise."

Clackamas was headed for a blowout against the visiting Pioneers, as they led at the intermission 43-28. Despite an early second-half surge by the four-year school, the Cougars played an even game, preserving their 15-point margin over the Pioneers.

"To play good consistent defense for 40 minutes, every player out there has to want to do it. It's not like high school where you can let it slide. If you let up for a minute they will drill you," Kiser said.

Mike Peregrin led the Cougars for the second straight game as he poured in 22 points and pulled down 16 rebounds, both game highs. Bob Nippert also put in a strong contribution to the Cougars' effort with an

18-point, 5-rebound performance.

Kiser also marked the play in the Cougar backcourt as Jerry Olsen and Tim Gardner both had good performances. Gardner hit an impressive 7 of 11 shots from the field en route to a 15-point performance. Olsen added 10 points in the backcourt and dished out a team-high of five assists.

The only area in which the Cougars were outplayed was on the boards, as Lewis and Clark out-rebounded them, 46-44. "Our guards weren't staying down. They were concerned with getting back, so we didn't get some of the long rebounds," Kiser said.

As a team the Cougars hit 50 percent from the field, which Kiser was impressed by. The Cougars did struggle from

the line, though, only connecting on 16 of 27 attempts.

Clackamas will play host to Willamette University junior varsity tonight before playing junior college powerhouses Centralia Community College, the number one Washington junior college, and Northern Idaho Friday and Saturday, respectively.

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