

Kiser's crew primed for region competition

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Wipe out their 21-10 record and their streak of 11 wins in 13 outings. The Clackamas Community College men's basketball team has started its second season as it enters the regional championships and a shot at the national tournament.

Coach Royce Kiser could not be more pleased with his team's performance of late. And not a moment too late.

"I am really pleased with the way we are playing. Going into the tournament it is really going to help us," Kiser expressed.

How impressive have Kiser's players been? Their marks speak for themselves.

Last weekend the Cougs hosted Capilano College, the number-one rated team in Canada. The Canadian team was riding high from a recent victory over the previous top seed, Vancouver Community College.

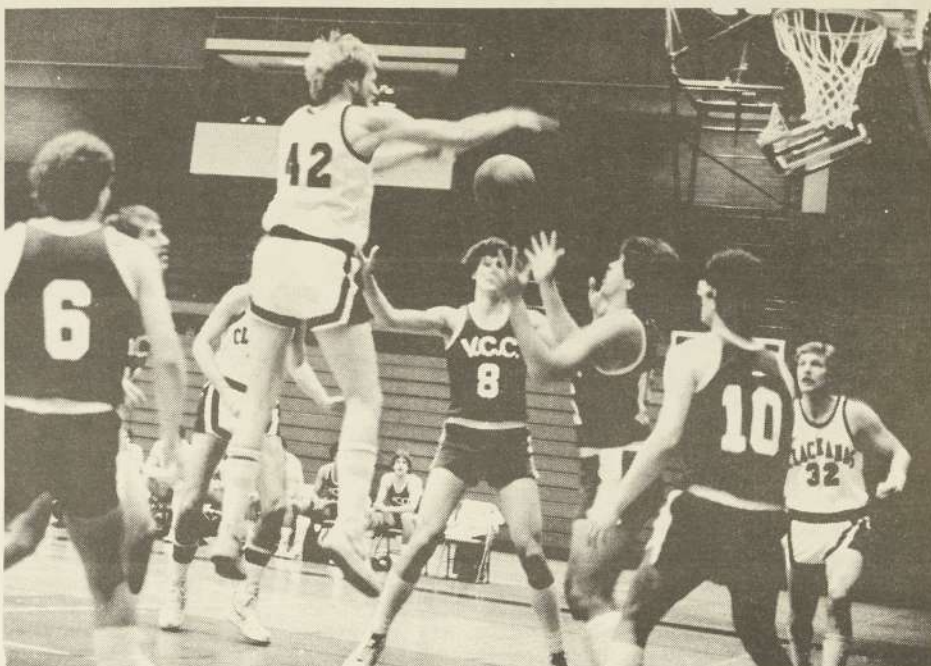
But when Capilano stepped into Randall Hall, they were in for a surprise. The Cougars recorded a 83-78 victory on Saturday and an even more impressive 10-point victory the following day, 94-84.

"Our offense was awesome. We executed the best we have ever done all year. Everything seemed to come together," Kiser said.

The only factor that kept the northerners close was a 6-foot-9-inch, 240-pound center that was simply 'too big' for the Cougars to control, as he shredded their defense for 40 points in the Saturday game.

With the two impressive victories against Capilano, the Cougs are on their way to Rexburg, Idaho, the home of Rick's College, to participate in the regional championships.

Clackamas will have a preliminary playoff with the league's fourth-place team, Treasure Valley, before the tournament.



UP AND AWAY—Bob Nippert (42) has ball stripped by VCC opponent.

If the Cougars get past Treasure Valley, who they

easily beat earlier in the season, they gain the fourth seat in the tournament. The tournament is single elimination, but Kiser thinks the Cougars' chances are good.

"We have got to keep playing good and work a bit on our defense. If we do that our chances are good," Kiser said.

Rick's, North and South Idaho and Treasure Valley are all "full-ride" schools, Kiser said. The tournament is no slouch. "There is going to be crowds of 5-7000 at the games. The tournament is pretty big. But if we can get through it all, we will be on our way to nationals," Kiser said.

Kiser's crew leaves today to face Treasure Valley. The four-team regional tournament will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Win or lose, Kiser thinks his team has played past their original potential.

"I never believed that this team would play as good as

they have this year. I didn't think we had the talent that we did. They have showed their toughness," Kiser concluded.

USFL plagued with 'Elmer Balley syndrome'

By Rob Conner
Sports Editor



If it was a snake, it would have bit me right in the leg.

The United States Football League slithered silently into its second season of action last weekend. I sure wasn't ready for it.

I knew it was coming, but I just wasn't paying attention, I guess. I happened to stumble across the nationally televised game on channel two Sunday morning. I tuned in at half-time, strike one.

I was determined to gut it out, making an honest attempt to see what USFL '84 had to offer. My second mistake was not having any chips, twinkies or soda pop on hand, strike two.

"This is bogus, let's watch a movie or something," my roommate said as the second half started. I convinced him to let me watch at least until the end of the third quarter.

Punt, missed field goal, punt, strike three. Go ahead and turn it. I tried.

Who are these guys? They aren't second-rate players. Not with the salaries the new

league is forking out. But still.

I know the Brian Sipes, Herschel Walkers and Kelvin Bryants. But there are just too many Chuck Clantons, Mark Schellens and Elmer Balleys for me to be able to concentrate.

Sunday, as I was attempting to watch the Wranglers-Invaders game, Frank Gifford attempted to keep viewers informed of other action from around the league. "Outlaws 7, Maulers 3." Outlaws? Maulers? Who are these teams? Was this a hockey score?

Skimming over the sports page Monday morning, I attempted to sort out this new USFL. To my amazement there are 18 teams in the league. I think.

Expansion franchises from Pittsburg, New Orleans, Oklahoma, San Antonio, Houston and Jacksonville have made the new league a "new league" again this year. What divisions are these teams in?

In Oklahoma the action was as sparse as the crowd.

The Oklahoma Outlaws battled the Pittsburg Maulers to a 7-3 decision in front of the league's most lackluster audience, just 11,638. Most of them probably left at halftime too.

The high attendance mark of the opening weekend was in Birmingham, where 62,300 paid to see Brian Sipe and Herschel Walker, of the New Jersey Generals. The record attendance was probably as disappointed with Sipe and Walker's performances as they were with their home team's showing. The Stallions were dominated by the Generals, 17-6.

Overall the attendance was actually pretty good. Only two stadiums failed to draw over 28,000. Not bad.

The thing I want to know is, who are these new fans? Probably the Elmer Balleys' mothers and aunts and uncles, I guess. Do these people like baseball?

What does John Madden think of the USFL? I would like to hear what he thinks of guys like Elmer Balley.

Track team puts on all-city dance

An all-city dance will be held March 10 from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Clackamas Community College Community Center and is being sponsored by the track team.

Admission will be \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.

Mt. Hood's Ozelle Hazzel will provide a light show and sound system for recorded music. The dance will be billed as the Clackamas County "Spring Fling." Local high school students are encouraged to attend. There are no age restrictions.

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