

Kiser says

Leadership, good attitude key to winning

By Julie Miller
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It takes time and practice to make a good basketball team.

The players have to know each other's moves and think as one player. Also, hours of scrimaging and a good mental attitude help reach what's every coach's dream—a winning basketball team.

"Everybody's goal at the beginning of the season has to be to win the League," Coach Royce Kiser said. "But it's hard to judge."

"It takes time to train new players" Kiser said, noting that it is hard to put new players on a court and expect them to take charge. They have to be conditioned to play together as a team and there has to be leadership.

To Kiser leadership is one of the biggest parts of a team. He said returning players like Jerry Olsen and Doug Coffman are providing that. Kiser said they set an example for the younger players.

Kiser said this year's freshmen are "reasonably talented and our depth is as good as we've ever had, but the ones who play have been real talented." He added his team is real quick but the drawback is that the players are not very big.

The team will play 26 games and Clackamas is also going to have three scrimages with three four-year schools: George Fox, Columbia Christian and Lewis and Clark.

They have already scrimaged among themselves. "Defense was adequate, not good but adequate," Kiser said,

adding that their shot selection at times was "poor." But there are some quick players and that should be a strong factor for this year's team, he said.

Todd Harrington, a 6'4" forward from Hidden Valley (Grants Pass), said, "I think everyone is real competitive and I can tell they all want to win. I think if we can get those rebounds we should be tough."

Other players on this year's team are: Tom Bolt, a 6'1" guard from Clackamas, Ted Dozier, a 6'1" guard who red-shirted here last year, Jeff Richards, a 6'1" guard from Beaverton, Doug Coffman, a 5'10" returning player from last year, Jerry Olsen, a 5'11" returner, Frank Nesbitt, a 6'2" forward from Clackamas, Bugs

Coughlin, a 6'2" forward from Oregon City, Lonnie Dennis, a 6'2" guard from Vernonia and Terry Newton, a 6'2" guard/forward from Sunset.

The rest of the team is made up of Tim Bless, a 6'4" center who red-shirted here last year, Cary Martensen, a 6'5" center from Canby, Roger Thompson, a 6'7" center from La Salle, Terry Frison, a 6'5" center from Grant and Steve Hansen, a 6'6" center from The Dalles.

The guys on the team have high expectations about this year. Olsen said, "We have four players from last year, this year we have almost all new guys but I feel pretty good about the team."

The first game is with North Idaho on Nov. 24. Kiser said they are tough but it should be a good game.

NWAACC

Coach Knoop predicts top 3 finish

By Rodney Fobert
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Cross country season is drawing to an end with only one more meet on the schedule. On Nov. 9 Clackamas Community College's men's and women's teams will travel to Spokane, Wash., for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championship meet. Atten-

ding the meet will be community colleges from Oregon and Washington.

First-year men's Coach Alan Knoop is eagerly awaiting the championship meet. Knoop thinks Clackamas runner Rob Durkee has a very good chance of placing in the top three individually. Coach Knoop is also predicting the Cougars can finish in the top three in overall team scores. "He

(Knoop) has done an outstanding job with the guys," Assistant Coach Norm Berney said.

Berney added that the men's team set goals early in the season, then constantly improved their performances in order to reach those goals.

On Oct. 20 the Cougars placed third overall at the Highline Community College Meet. Leading the Clackamas runners was Rob Durkee, who placed sixth. Next across the finish line for the Cougars was Mark Allen in 10th place, followed by Jim Hogue in 16th place. Rounding off the team score were Bill Myers and Jeff Darling placing 34th and 38th, respectively. Finishing 58th was Billy Ray, while Tom Hermanson came in 67th.

On Oct. 27 the Cougars competed at the Regional Championships, which included all community colleges in Oregon. Clackamas finished second overall, narrowly beaten by Lane Community College. Coach Knoop and Assistant Coach Berney both agreed on another day Clackamas could have won the



PHOTOGRAPHER JOEL MILLER catches cross-country runner Jim Hogue taking a hurdle from amost unusual angle.

meet. Some of the Cougar runners had been troubled by illnesses which kept them from running at their full potential, the coaches explained.

Winning the meet was Clackamas runner Rob Durkee. Mark Allen followed close behind with a third-place

finish. Jim Hogue finished next for the Cougars with a sixth-place finish. Crossing the finish line in 14th place was Bill Myers, followed by Jeff Darling in 16th place. Finishing in 32nd place was Billy Ray. The final team score was Lane, 37, Clackamas, 40.

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