

Sports

Individual success highlights Cougar team

By **Rodney Fobert**
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Although they have not yet recorded a team victory, the Clackamas Community College men's tennis team has shown some excellent individual performances early in the season. After four matches so far this season, nearly all of the members of the Cougar team have recorded individual wins.

Head Coach Kathie Woods said, "We don't have a lot of experience and we don't have a lot of depth," in regards to the team. "We've been able to win a couple of matches, but not as a team," Woods said, adding, "I'm more interested in how they do as individuals."

For their first match of the season, the Cougars hosted the team from Skagit Valley on March 19, which resulted in a score of 2-7. Coach Woods stressed that the score would have been much closer had the numerous tie breakers and close matches gone their way.

Recording a win for the Cougars against Skagit, Renato Iwerson defeated his opponent at the second spot with scores of 6-2 6-2. Tim Marshall also chalked up a win for the Cougar effort due to a forfeit.

The Cougars next traveled to Portland for a match against Multnomah School of the Bible on April 2. It turned out to be the closest match for the Cougars so far this season, racking up 4 points to Multnomah's 5.

Playing at the second spot for the Cougars, Mike Miller beat his opponent with scores of 7-5 6-2. At the third position, Mike Booth took his opponent in three sets with scores of 6-7 7-6 and 6-2.

Steve Lewis also had an individual win against Multnomah, at the fifth position, with scores of 6-3 6-1. In

a doubles match, Iwerson teamed up with Mike Booth to capture a win with scores of 6-0 7-6.

On April 9 the Cougars competed against Western Oregon State College (WOSC), a team that consists of "a lot of good players,"

Woods said. Nevertheless, the Cougars were able to post a respectable 3-6 score against the tough four-year school.

Steve Lewis emerged victorious at the fifth position, beating his WOSC opponent with scores of 6-4 6-2. At the sixth position, Tim Marshall won his match with set scores

of 6-1 6-2. In doubles competition, the team of Lewis and Marshall took the WOSC team in two sets with scores of 6-4 7-5.

In their most recent match, against Blue Mountain Community College on April 12, the Cougars lost by a score of 2-7. Coach Woods said the Blue Mountain team "was stronger than they have been in the past."

Miller, in the second spot, posted a win for the Cougars with scores of 6-2 6-4. Meanwhile, Booth, after a particularly close first set of 7-5,

went on to win in the second set with a score of 6-2.

On April 16 the Cougars met with Linfield, a team

Coach Woods describes as "very tough." Woods went on to say, "We are working for the tournament at the end of the season and we like the challenges of teams superior to us. That makes us strong."

Since Clackamas' men's tennis team is not competing in a league, they are using the matches during the season to help them prepare for the Conference Tournament on May 16-18.

Double-headers result in triple losses for Cougars

By **Julie Miller**

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The Clackamas Community College baseball team dropped three of its last four games last week in a pair of double-headers against other league teams.

One double-header was against Linn-Benton, with Clackamas winning the first game 9-1 and losing the second 5-10. The next encounter was against Lane Community college, and Clackamas lost both with scores of 1-5 and 3-6.

Coach Paul Roeder commented on the games by saying, "We just didn't hit well and we got beat. That is all there is to it. It's hard to win when you are on the road play-

ing on a new field, and their (Lane's) was screwy, but you always have to hope for at least a split.

"Against Linn-Benton we played well the first game and terrible the second. I think the weather had a big influence on the outcome of the game. It was really hot," Roeder said.

The team is now 4-4 for league play and tied for second place. There are also two teams tied for first place with 5-3 records. Roeder said the double-headers marked the end of the first of three rounds of play with those teams, and he seems confident the Cougars will do much better in the second round.



A LOOK OF determination is etched upon Renato Iwerson's face as he smashed the ball back to his opponent in Tuesday's match against Linfield.

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