

Sports

Netters near season's end

By Rodney Fobert
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With the season drawing to an end, the women's tennis team of Clackamas Community College are looking toward the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championships.

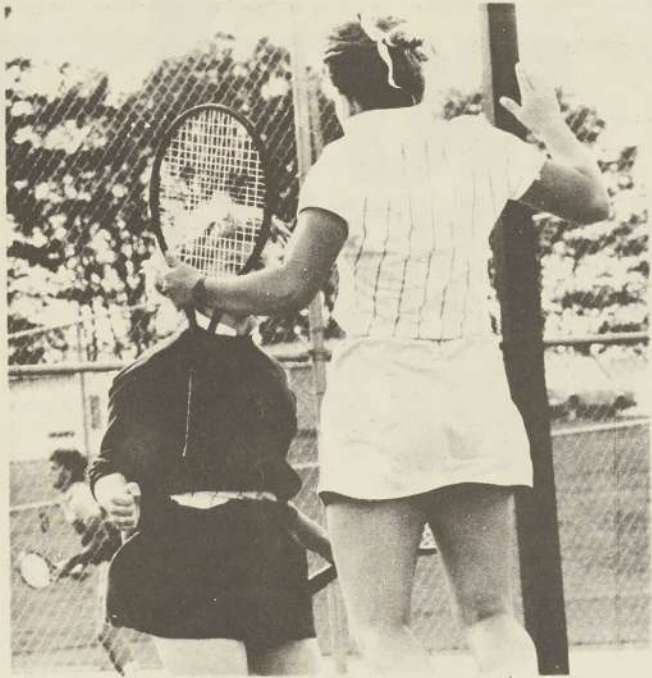
In recent matches, the Cougar netters have defeated league opponents such as Tacoma 5-2 on May 2 and Lower Columbia 9-0 on April 25. In a non-league match against Bellevue on April 27, the Cougars were defeated 7-2.

Head Coach of the team Nancy Mikleton reports that the players are all "playing pretty good." She pointed out, however, that the team has been bothered by illness and injuries in past weeks.

Before their match against Clark College on May 7, Mikleton explained, "We'll be tied for second if we win today." It was the last home match for the Cougars who now have only one league confrontation left in the season. Results of the match were not available by press time.

The Cougars were dealt a loss by the Clark team earlier in the season 6-3. Many of the matches were taken to three sets by the hard-fighting Cougar team, however, so Tuesday's rematch promised to be a tough one for both teams.

In the match against Lower Columbia, the Cougars swept the scoring, not allowing a single point to their opponent.



THE VICTORY CELEBRATION: The Cougars number-one doubles team of Jackie Stafford (left) and Edie Bauer congratulate each other after beating their Clark College opponents.

Photo by Joel Miller

The understaffed Lower Columbia team produced only four opponents to meet the Cougars.

Against Tacoma, the Cougar netters recorded wins by Novak, Stafford, Kirsten Osborne, Anjanette Robbins and the second doubles team of Novak and Osborne.

Novak, playing the number-two position, won her match in two sets of 6-4 6-2. Number-three Cougar netter, Stafford, beat her opponent in two sets with scores of 6-4 6-0.

At the number-four match Osborne had two victorious

sets of 6-4 6-2, while teammate Robbins finished off her opponent at the number five position with set scores of 6-2 6-4.

The doubles team of Novak and Osborne did the job in two sets, recording scores of 7-5 6-4.

The Cougar's last league match is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 against Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash. The NWAACC Championships are scheduled for May 16-18, and will be held in Pasco, Wash.

Three lady tracksters qualify for NWAACC Championships

By Julie Miller
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The women's track team has had an interesting season so far this year. Even though there are few people out for the sport Coach Marilyn Wynia is pleased with the way things are working out.

"We have a couple of girls who are out for track for the first time, but they are learning. The vetsans pretty much know what they have to do and are doing it," she said.

The team has three qualifiers for the Northwest

Athletic Association of Community College's (NWAACC) all-conference meet on May 17 and 18 in Spokane, Wash.

Julie Siler will compete in the 1,500 and the 3,000-meter runs, Debbie Blake in the discus and Janet Hess in the 400-meter hurdles. Also on the team are Diana Haider, who

competes in the long jump and in sprints, and Wanda Fitzsimmons, who just recently changed from sprints to the 3,000.

"Julie Siler comes in at least first or second in every meet in

the 1,500 and the 3,000. Debbie Blake broke the school record at Blue Mountain Community College on April 20 when she threw the discus 129.8 feet. Janet Hess has been a little off due to injuries, but we're just going to watch and hope she can come back for the conference meet," Wynia said.

Coming up on May 10 and 11 is the Region IV Championships held in Roseburg or Eugene, which includes Washington and Oregon community college teams.

Diamond men win five after seven game slump

By Julie Miller
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After a week and a half of bad luck, which included some disciplinary action against some team members, and a seven-game losing streak, it looks as though the Cougar baseball team is making a comeback.

In a recent double-header against Lane Community College, the Cougars won both games with scores of 8-4 and 5-4. The Cougars also swept a double-header against Umpqua Community College 8-5, 8-6. Against Mt. Hood Community College the Cougars won the first game 6-3, but were shut out in the second game 0-5.

Now that the problems have been worked out the team is as Coach Paul Roeder said, "really benefiting from it. It always helps to have something go wrong, and if it hadn't happened we would have played bad at any time, but I think in the long run it really brought us together as a team."

Because they missed a practice, a few of the team members were suspended from one game of league play.

But usually good things come out of the bad and the team is winning games.

They have won five of their last six, and the team is in third place. "Even with the last week's losses we play better than other teams and we are only two games away from first place. We have the best hitting ball club in the league and Brock Birch is the best pitcher in the league," Roeder said.

Coach Roeder said "God, I wish I knew how we were going to come out for the season. I know we're going to play good. We intend to sweep, but it is really tough to play on the road. We have seven kids batting over 300 and one kid, Darrell Pizer, hits 411 in league.

"We will have to just basically stay sharp and mentally prepared, which is hard in baseball. Some people don't know it, but baseball is a mentally tough sport. You have to keep yourself up for a double-header, which lasts around five hours. That's tough," Roeder said.

"Even if we don't come out number one, we're still the top team," he added.

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