

Sports

Netters defeat Chemeketa in three matches

By Julie Miller

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The College's volleyball team is already off to a good start with a happy coach, a tournament win and a 2-2 record in league play.

Kathie Woods, head coach, is pleased and confident that her team is going to meet its potential.

To date, the team has played in three invitational tournaments as well as its four league efforts, with much success.

Woods said "we are improving everyday and the girls are working hard. It has been tough because there is no gym, but we're not trying to let it damper us, though we are looking forward to having a gym some day."

Clackamas' success at the Walla Walla Invitational tournament can be attributed to the strategy of Coach Woods. According to Coach Woods, the last game of the day was being played midnight Friday night between the College of Southern Idaho(CSI) and Clackamas. Clackamas had won the first game and when Woods' team began to fall behind in the second game

Coach Woods didn't call any time outs. The team lost the game so they could play at a different time the next day.

The number one team was to play the number three team at 9a.m. the next morning and the number two team would play the number four team at 10:15 a.m. With such an arrangement, Clackamas went into the final round of the round robin tournament as the number two team and ended up playing the same team they had beat them the night before for the championship. After a tightly played game they emerged victorious.

"Walla Walla is the highlight of our season so far. Our overall record of the tournament was 11 and two. One of the two we lost was intentional to give us a different time to play the next day," Coach Woods said.

At the Yakima tournament Clackamas' overall record was 7 wins and 4 losses, but they lost a game at the wrong time, Woods said, and ended up placing fourth.

Last Saturday the team played at the Chemeketa tournament where they placed

fifth out of twelve teams. Coach Woods stated that the team did pretty well considering they were missing two team members, Connie Schirpf and Deanna Boyer.

Two weeks ago the team played their first league game against Linn-Benton and lost in the best of five series. The scores were 15-11, 13-15, 15-8, 11-15. "We just didn't really pull it together, but they (Linn Benton) are much improved, we just didn't play to our abilities," Woods said.

Next Clackamas played Lane Community College and beat them in the best three of five games. The scores were 9-15, 16-14, 15-9, 16-14. The next day Clackamas played Mount Hood Community and lost 1-15, 12-15 and 11-15. "Obviously we were not ready to play that first game. We are capable of beating them, but not on that day. We do have to play MHCC again at their school, and they can be beat. We just have to do better."

Wednesday Oct. 9, Clackamas played Chemeketa and beat them in three straight games with scores of 15-12, 15-10 and 15-6. In the game against Chemeketa, Carrie



JENNIFER HOLZEMER SETS the ball for a ready Kathy Collins against Mt. Hood. Photos by Dan Wheeler

Coe had eight kills and Trina Borden had 13 assists and eight service aces. The total service aces for the game added up to fifteen, which is the equivalent of a complete game.

"This is the best team I've had here at Clackamas. How

we fare by the end of the season depends on how hard they work now and how much together we are as a team. We will have to combine desire with physical strength. All we want to is be the best we can be."

Cross Country Runners take wrong turn

By Dave Holmes

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Clackamas distance ace Sue Spriggs, coming off a personal best 18:50 time at Willamette University a week ago, paced the field of the Mt. Hood Community College Invitational cross country Meet Saturday to take first place with a time of 18:33.

Drizzle and chilly temperatures greeted both male and female runners at Blue Lake Park outside of Gresham, but just before the mens race began the clouds parted and left a flat yet soggy course which Clackamas Womens coach Marilyn Wynia said was not particularly fast.

Spriggs didn't seem to notice as she ran a strongly-paced race that ended up in a track duel with Linn-Benton's top runner. The two runners raced neck and neck at full speed down the last 100 meters of track with Spriggs out-kicking her opponent for the win.

The Clackamas womens' squad ran as an "incomplete" team and didn't place in the team standings. "We're still looking for that fifth member," Coach Wynia said. She asked that anyone who might be interested in joining the team contact the Athletics Department office in Randall 005.

Although the Cougar

women fared well in Saturday's meet, the men's team mostly saw disappointment.

"Everything that could have gone wrong did," said Coach Jim Kissee, "It was really a down day for us."

The only highlight of the men's race for Clackamas was Mark Mohnen's performance of 25:45 over the five mile course for ninth place honors. But the honors were completely overshadowed when Keith Ferrell, one of Kissee's top distance men, was found to have injured his left leg. Ferrell sustained muscular damage that might keep him out of action for as long as three weeks said Kissee. "He's

working out on the stationary bike and ought to be able to maintain the shape he's in."

October 5 saw Ferrell take third place for junior college runners in 23:18 at the Fort Casey Invitational meet in Seattle. The race had to be re-started when several of the front runners made an incorrect turn.

"They re-ran the race over a shortened course after the runners had about a half hour of rest," said Kissee, "but it (the stopping of the race) really psyched a lot of guys out." Clackamas ran confidently, though, and won the Men's Junior College division.

Despite the less than perfect effort by his team, Kissee feels

that Saturday's meet might be a blessing in disguise. "We were getting a little too cocky and this has brought a lot of guys down to earth," Kissee said. Speed work, says Kissee, will be one of the key ingredients to put into the team's kettle if they are to do well the regional meet just weeks away.

"Our goal," said Kissee, "is to win the regional meet and the n place in the top three at the Northwest Championships. But if we run the way we have been and everyone is healthy, we have a very legitimate chance to win the whole thing."

Here's to legitimate chances, coach.

