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Cougar soccer takes Ft. Steilacoom, 2-1

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This is going to be a tough year for Soccer Coach Marty Neshvad. There are only three returning players and according to Coach Neshvad only one has good college playing experience.

The team players are Ryan Zook at Goalie. The back up Goalie and Mid fielder is Kevin Gratiot. Randy Branlund is the team Sweeper and Jeff White holds the Full back position. There are two center backs, Kevin Miller and Tim Choquette and at left back is Beau Campbell.

The three midfielders are Steve Enos, Jim Ross and Erich Pfeifer. Criss Pfeifer and Tim Kay are the center forwards. Jeff Abbot is also on the team, but due to an injury at the first practice Abbot has been unable to play. The team also has a new player, Rudolfo Monge of Costa Rica.

The team's record for the season is 1-2, with one tie. The tie game was played Oct. 2 against Lower Columbia.

"We were losing 2-0, but we came back in the second half to tie the game," Coach Neshvad said. He added the team played well against Lower Columbia, but not as well against Spokane Community College. "It was our first league game and we just couldn't put the ball on target.



CCC'S TIM CHOQUETTE prepares for an attempt on goal against Everett.

Photos by Dan Wheeler

We missed a lot of opportunities," Coach Neshvad said.

The next game the Cougars played was against Everett Community College where the final score was 3-1 in favor of Everett.

According to some of the players the reasons they lost

the game were because of exhaustion and depression due to the lack of substitutes. "They (Everett) scored first, then we came back in the next 30 seconds to tie the game. After that we felt confident but when they scored two consecutive goals we started to feel the fatigue," said players

Tim Choquette and Tim Kay.

Chris Pfeifer, one of the center forwards added, "We came off an emotional high game at Lower Columbia. It took a lot out of us. We were not really physically prepared for Everett. There was only one sub, so most of us played the whole game!"

Wednesday Oct. 9 Clackamas defeated Fort Steilacoom, a team that had beaten Clackamas 0-5 in a pre-season tournament, 2-1. Saturday Oct. 12, Clackamas played and lost 0-10 to Green River Community College. Coach Neshvad blames this loss to fatigue and injury.

Coach sets 'mission' to save soccer

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Marty Neshvad, formerly of Tehran, Iran, is Clackamas' new Soccer Coach. Neshvad has been living in the U.S. for 15 years.

Neshvad was introduced to Soccer at an early age in Tehran and has been playing the game ever since. In 1970 he played for a National Youth Soccer Team and he competed for the National Asian Youth Championship in Thailand.

When Neshvad first came to the U.S., he lived in Chicago for a year, then moved to Alabama where he went to Snead College for one year, then moved to Atlanta,



MARTY NESHVAD

Georgia for four years while attending school for two. He then moved to Portland where he graduated from Portland State University. He has a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's in Physical Education.

Since Portland State has no soccer team, Neshvad played on a local club team and was active in coaching youth leagues and working in summer soccer camps.

Jerry Renfro, Neshvad's friend from Gladstone, in-

the same time the head coach position at the College opened up.

While at the College, Neshvad will also coach Mens' Tennis. He is also planning to teach a youth coaching class

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formed him of an opening for a soccer coach at Gladstone High School. Neshvad worked as assistant junior varsity coach there for one year. Then Renfro advised Neshvad to consider a head coach position at a high school. However, at

for parents and he hopes to have an indoor winter soccer class and an outdoor class in the spring.

Because of his love for the game of soccer, Neshvad said he feels it is his mission to do his best to teach the game as he

feels it should be played.

"American soccer is in bad shape," Neshvad said. "Partly it is the fan's attitudes that are at fault. They get very negative and violent. They only want their team to win. I think that the general attitude coming from the media is that soccer needs to change. Either to change the rules or to at least modify them.

"I want to do a good job here and I hope to have a good quality program," he said. "I want to complete my mission and save the sport by saving the soccer program here at Clackamas. If we don't do the job, they will cut the program."

