

## Lady Cougars win at home

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Everyone likes a close basketball game. That is, if their team wins. Screaming fans, sweating players and frowning coaches. That is the excitement of a basketball game. If your team happens to lose, it just makes you want to come back and play that team again to show them that you can beat them.

Friday night the Cougar basketball team defeated the Capilano Blues 58-45. But on Saturday night the tables turned slightly and the Cougars were defeated 48-52.

After having to travel for eight hours to play in South Alberta a week ago the women's b-ball team finally got to play one at home.

The Capilano Blues proved to be a tough, yet equally talented team. During the first half the score went back and forth, with each team taking the lead for a couple of minutes then giving it up. Head Coach Phil Garver said, "We are still coming together as a team. We have a lot of Freshman this year and that's

a lot of new personalities coming together." He added, "The sophomores haven't quite taken control. If they were, then we'd probably play better. Some games they play good, the next bad. That'll come with time though."

The halftime score was 24-19 with the Cougars out in front. When play resumed, both teams seemed anxious, each fiercely wanting the ball. It was a strongly paced game with a lot of fast breaks.

After a while, the Blues started to catch up. They scored eight points before Cougar Liz Trioano, a sophomore on the team, put the first basket of the second half in for Clackamas with 15:25 left in the game. An unhappy Trioano said that the team went into the game unprepared. She said that the team faltered during warm-ups and that they failed to play as a unit. "A lot of people need to look at the team more as a team than just as individuals. I hope everyone thinks more before the game to take things more seriously. Garver expects a lot from sophomores and I respect him

for that but I need room to breathe."

Towards the end of the game Cougar Susan Johnston made a basket for the Blues, but according to some of the Blues team members, they wished it wouldn't have happened. They said at first they were glad, but then they felt bad because they liked Johnston and they said they wished it could have been someone else. Coach Garver, who didn't comment on the opponents free basket, seemed to be pleased with Johnston's game saying, "Susan Johnston is a standout Freshman. She's been a solid player averaging around 14 points per game. She's really looking good."

After that the battle was on. Both teams fought for the ball. Even the much needed shots made by Patti Mattis, the lead scorer of both Friday and Saturday nights games, didn't seem to help. With 2:07 left in the game the Cougars were behind 48-43. Then Mattis went to the line and sank two free throws to narrow the gap to three points, but the Blues put in yet another



Cougar Sue Johnston reaches skyward along with a Capilano player for control of a jumpball Saturday. Photo by Dan Wheeler

basket. Then, in the final seconds of the game, the Blues put in another to clinch the win with a score of 48-52.

"We are 3-3 for the season so far but it's been a difficult year so far. We have a lot of new gals and it's been tough

getting started. The weather has also been a major factor. We hardly have time to practice, it's just one game to the other. Once league starts we'll be a better ball club," Garver said.

## Cougars defeat Blues, 91-86

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Everyone likes to see their favorite team win. We all like to be winners. But what do you call a basketball game in which your team defeats their opponent by more than 20 points? Boring?

Friday night the Men's Basketball team defeated the Capilano Blues Community College 101-68 and again on Saturday night with a score of 96-81.

Though the scores were much closer on the second night, Coach Kiser gives these victories to defense. "We played good defense and it looks like were improving. Our offense has been reasonably good all year, we're a pretty tough team."

Mark Steger, a key player for the Cougars, agreed with the coach stating, "I thought we played good defense the entire game. Especially in the beginning of the first half and

at the beginning of the second half." Steger lead the team in scoring with 22 points. Jeff Richards was next with 12 and Gary Steiger added 10.

According to Coach Kiser the first 25 minutes of Saturday's game was the key to the win. He said the teams screening and footwork has greatly improved. Kiser also added that though the team played well, at times they seemed to get impatient and take risky shots.

Kiser said he was disappointed with the performance of some of the players in the last fifteen minutes of the game. "I wasn't pleased with the last five or six players I put in. Our defense was terrible. Some of them better work on their defense. They gave up about 50 points. But I have to say that I am happy they all saw playing time." When the Cougars had gone into the locker room at halftime, they were leading the blues 50-26

and with 9:18 left to play the score was still 83-43, but with 1:43 left in the game the gap had been closed to 94-68. The final score was 96-81.

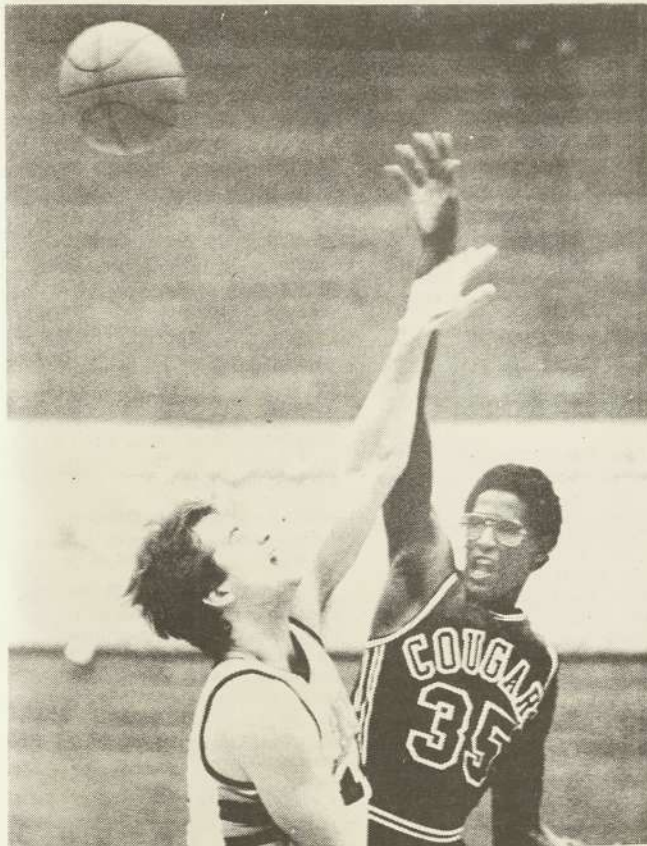
As far as the two wins go, Kiser said his team played better defense and offense, but he added that he will have to wait and see if they hold up. He said he didn't want to brag too much too soon.

## Crafts fair

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Are you trying to find a unique Christmas present for that special someone? The Crafts Fair, being held in the Community Center Mall on December 10 and 11, should feature just the item you're looking for.

The admission-free far is sponsored by the Associated Student Government.



Ed Holford (35) swats the ball away from an unidentified Capilano player at the opening tip-off. Photo by Dan Wheeler

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