

Sports

Season Ends

Steger Chosen First Team All League

By Julie Miller

Sports Editor

As the Men's Basketball season comes to an end I think that it has gone by too fast. This being my second and final year to write Clackamas sports, I almost get teary eyed thinking that I will probably never see any of these athletes or coaches again.

Everybody loves their coach, and I feel like I was almost a part of the team. I remember one instance when Coach Royce Kiser threatened me with 50 or 100 lines if I was not at that weekends basketball game. Fun. I went.

The season started off dramatically with the team losing some players due to ineligibility. Terry Frison, last years MVP was lost from the team for this reason. But that did not stop Kiser and his band of guys. He had a new sensation on the team to pick up the slack.

Mark Steger became not only the teams leading scorer, but also led the league in scoring. Steger's game high was an outstanding 35 points against Portland CC. Steger averaged 20.8 points per game, and ended the season as the leagues second highest scorer and was

chosen First Team All League.

Jeff Richards was second on the team scoreboard, averaging 13.8 points per game and led the teams assists averaging 7.6 per game. His game high was 15. Richards was chosen Second Team All League.

"Mark (Steger) and Jeff (Richards) are very much deserving. They both have several full ride scholarships offered to them and they are going to be hard to replace," Kiser said.

Some would say that the most memorable thing about Russell Livingston would be his very blonde hair, but the stats show that he averaged 12.4 points and led the teams rebounding with 7.8 rebounds per game. Livingston made his mark with a game high of 15 rebounds.

Ed Holford kept the excitement going as he contributed an average of 11.7 points per game, was second in team rebounding with 7.5 and hit his game high with 17 rebounds against SWOCC. Holford was also chosen Honorable Mention All League.

"When I look at the team I believe our team played as hard as they could and as intelligently as they could. I real-

ly couldn't ask for more," said Kiser. Kiser added that the only thing that hurt his team was the lack of size. "I think they gave us everything they had. It's a good a group as I've ever had. Never once did I see them lay down or quit and their not only good athletes, but they are good students also," he said.

The team high was 101 points against Capalino College from Canada, in which the Cougars were victorious and the low was 54 points in the victory game against Chemeketa CC.

As for his helpers this year, Assistant Coach Paul Fiskum, Team Manager Chris Howell and Mark Berkstrom, Kiser had quite a smile, "Paul (Fiskum) has more authority to coach a team than anyone else you could get. You'll never find another better. He works hard and is irreplaceable," he said, "Mark Berkstrom really helped us out this year and Chris Howell was by far the best manager I've ever had. He's so smart he figures out things before I have to tell him," Kiser added.

Coach Fiskum said his most memorable thing about this season was the close games, "I



Joe Clarizio (50) prepares to pass off to teammate.

Photo by Dan Wheeler

always remember the close games, the ones we win or lose by one point. We had four overtime games, games where every shot and every move makes a difference," he said. As for Coach Kiser, Fiskum only said, "I think Royce does a heck of a job."

And as everything must end, so must my story. I know that when I think back on the college I know I'll be thinking about how much fun it was to write about the Men's Basketball team.

Intramurals

Basketball

On Thursday, Feb. 13 Staff overcame County 74-60 and the Kingsmen beat Brew Crew II, 72-56. On Tuesday, Feb. 18 the Magombos squeaked past the Tribesmen 61-60.

In overall play, Staff led the pack in regular play with a 5-0 record. The Kingsmen were second with 4-1 and the Magombo's came in third with a 3-2 record.

In game A of the single elimination championship games, the Tribesmen overcame the Brew Crew II 62-61. In game B the Magombos beat the County team 50-40.

Games C and D are going to be played on Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the gym at noon. The Staff will face the Tribesmen and the Magombos with be up against Kingsmen. The championship game will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Volleyball

There will be a mandatory Volleyball meeting for all those women interested in playing on next year's inter-collegiate team on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at noon in the training room. Contact Kathie Woods, 657-8400, ext 291 for more information.

The College will sponsor a Men's Volleyball Clinic on March 11-12 in Randall Gym.

The clinic is designed for city league and club level players 17 years of age and older. The sessions will be from 6 to 10 p.m.

Women's Volleyball Coach Kathie Woods will conduct the clinic, which is sponsored by the Women's Volleyball Club. Power volleyball fundamentals, strategies, offenses, and defenses will be covered.

There is a \$12 fee which includes a T-Shirt and the registration deadline in Marc 3. For more information, call 657-8400, ext. 291.

Ybarra places at Nationals

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Last Week a five man wrestling team represented the College in the 1986 National Junior College Wrestling tournament held in Chicago, the "windy city".

Teams were gathered from all around the continent, from Oregon to New York. The Cougar team was composed of Doug Harper, John Ybarra, Frank McKinnis, Chuck Calhoun, and Jeff Seaney.

To Make All-American status, a wrestler was required to place within the top eight in his weight class. Although all five went with hopes of realizing the All-American wrestling dream, only John Ybarra placed within the ranks of the elite eight, coming in a triumphant fourth place. Ybarra went to the national tournament ranked second (177 lb class) in the regionals held two weeks ago.

Ybarra made an excellent showing at the regionals and even then was excited at the thought of going to the nationals. His zeal apparently proved fruitful because he won, for the College, this year's claim to a national title.

Chuck Calhoun (142 lb) and Doug Harper (118 lb) came within a single match of making it in the All-American eight. Calhoun was a "wild card" choice ranked third in the regionals. Harper came to the national tournament ranked second in the region.

Unfortunately, both Jeff Seaney (190 lb) and Frank McKinnis (158 lb) were eliminated early in the competition. Seaney was ranked second in his class and McKinnis was the Cougar's other regional wild card pick.

According to Coach Norm Berney, the team did above average but didn't wrestle to

their full potential. Berney commented, "We could've done a little better in some areas, but we did alright considering the kind of competition we were wrestling. Some of the Junior colleges we wrestled, recruit top four year college wrestlers from other states. So overall, I'm pretty pleased. Out of the actual twenty-six matches, I would say only one was actually lopsided. For the most part, we gave them strong competition."

Coach Berney seemed pleased with Chuck Calhoun's improvement over last year. Last year, Calhoun didn't even place fourth in the regionals, but came within a hair of All-American this year. But Berney seemed especially impressed over Ybarra's performance, not only in the national tournament, but all season.