

Sports

Clackamas hosts Australian team

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The Australians invaded America Monday night but this invasion was in the form of basketball, not war.

The Australian Sydney Super Sonics were hosted by the Clackamas Community College women's basketball team Monday night and showed how basketball is played down under. The Sonics were led by Angela Hewlett and Christie Fish.

The Sonics played aggressively from start to finish and never looked back. Hewlett, a 5-4 guard who closely resembles Billy Idol with her blond spiked hair, was everywhere. She was stealing the ball from the Cougar guards and getting lay-ins or passing to teammates for two points.

Hewlett stated the "The Americans don't play as tough of ball as us and aren't very aggressive." She also felt that "Because we play year-around and had players ranging in age 14 to 29 we have an advantage."

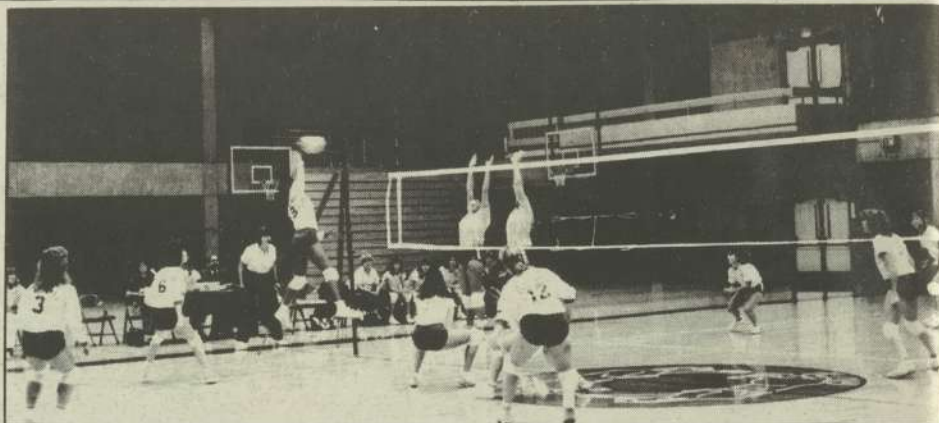
Christie Fish scored 12 points in the first half to lead the Sonics

to a 54-18 half time advantage. Karla Tiano, a gritty freshman from Oregon City had eight to lead the Cougars at half. At times it seemed like the Sonics had 10 players on the court and it showed as the Sonics had 15 steals in the first half.

The second half started the same way as the Sonics came out pressing and out-hustling the Cougars in the second half.

Coach Garver felt that "We were out-manned and not ready for their aggressiveness." The Sonics who are a junior team in Australia, won by the score 88-38. Garver feels this year's Cougars are "young and talented and should fare well this year." The leading scorer for the Cougars was Tiano with 12 and Fish had 16 for the Sonics. The Sonics are on a 10-game tour of America and will travel down to University of Oregon to play the tonight.

The Cougars will be in action this weekend in the Clark Tournament in Vancouver, Washington.



TROUBLE-FILLED SEASON- The Clackamas Community College volleyball team dealt with late starters, injuries and low spectator turnout this season. Despite the negative factors, they were victorious against first place Lane Community College. Photo by Lyn Thompson.

Women struggle through season

by Lyn Thompson
Photo Editor

Clackamas Community College's Volleyball team has had its share of ups and downs this season. "We never really took charge. We're working on developing more consistency and getting more leadership on the court and maintaining that a hundred percent of the time."

Having a team consisting of girls from different backgrounds and programs can be tough. "Trying to come together at the two year level is always hard," commented Woods.

They also had girls join the team three weeks into practice. "Forming a team late in the season is hard. Unity is so important in a team sport like volleyball where you really have to play together."

Injuries were a problem this year as well. Angie Stein was a leader coming in but had ankle complications early in the year before league action. She is out now with a knee injury that could keep her out for the rest of the season. Wendy Morton, also a strong player, has been out with the flu.

A major problem throughout season however was spectator turnout. "We don't have a lot of turnout at our games. It's neat when the other teams, like the wrestlers, have been great. They've supported us, been there, and the cross-country teams came to some of our away games. It's been great to have that support. The teams have been good. But the students, faculty and administration haven't been there and we need them. I was hoping we would start having a little bit more support. We need more. The girls work hard to get the exposure, to have people come and see them, and then there's no one there. Supposedly you come here for a home court advantage and it is the net, the floor, the surroundings, the lights...that's all our home court advantage, but it's nice to have some support."

Despite these lowpoints of the year the volleyball team had a good season. They beat Lane Community College when L.C.C. was tied for first with Mt. Hood. "It boosted our confidence to know that we could beat a first place team," their last tournament the volleyball team played well, pulling together and beating Chemeketa with a team consisting of one sophomore and the rest being freshmen.

Most important to Kath Woods, however was "seeing the girls improve. When they improve and see that and letting them see that they are one of the main reason I'm here. It's nice to see all the different personalities on the court. It's nice to have a bunch of different people come together and working together as a team. Seeing the girls leave, that's the hard part. You see them grow much in two years, hopefully students and athletes. You get to know them better and better. Each one of them has their own identity and it's really special."

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Sydney.....	54	34	-	88
Clackamas....	18	20	-	38

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