

New line too close to basket

Controversy surrounded college basketball when it announced plans to develop a three point line in college basketball.

Some complained it would "professionalize," or in simpler terms, bring college ball one step closer to the level of the National Basketball Association. Others saw it as a chance to bring some excitement to the college level.

Curran's Corner

by Christopher Curran
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The three point line is 19'9" from the hoop. This is three feet less than the NBA's three point line. This makes the shot easier, therefore, more common.

Last Wednesday when Clackamas and Lane squared off in Randall Hall, 25 of the 120 shots attempted were three point goals.

The question I have to ask is: Is this a normal shot? Before the rule was adopted prior to this season, would a player have taken a shot from this distance?

A 20 or 21 foot jump shot is not an uncommon shot in a regular basketball game, whether it counts as three points or two. A player taking a jump shot from this distance is like a compulsive gambler putting his chips on the table. It happens often.

When there's a close game, the three point shot can come in handy for a team who is behind. There have been a number of games that have been determined by this shot. This is what can give an otherwise dull game an added dimension in the final minutes.

Another question: Why isn't there a three point line in women's basketball? Shouldn't players like Karla Tiano or Bobbi Crenshaw have a chance to give the Cougars three points instead of two with the same shot?

"Some of the women can shoot it better than men," stated Sherri Michaels, who attends Cougar home games regularly.

There is no reason why a three point shot should not exist in college basketball - in both men's and women's competition. The three point shot adds excitement and many possibilities to a regular basketball game.

I am for the three point field goal, but would like to see it moved farther away from the basket. The shot from the distance it now is, is not tough enough.

It should be a highlight in a game to hit a three point goal. As it is now, the chances of making the basket are too good. A basket from this distance doesn't deserve the three points that are awarded for it.

Lady Cougars look to next year

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Anna Schlegelmilch scored 18 points, and Karla Tiano 11 as Clackamas lost to number one Linn-Benton Feb. 7.

"We had a really good game going," said Clackamas coach Phil Garver on the Cougars' performance against the Roadrunners, who are number one in the league play.

The team is composed of 13 freshmen and one sophomore. "The girls have been getting a lot of playing time which will provide experience for next year," stated Garver.

Although the team has only won six games this season, Garver is confident that many of the players will return next year.

"It's been quite humbling," said Garver, in regards to the team's success this season. "I wasn't used to losing like this." In his three previous seasons at Clackamas, Garver had put together an 82-30 record.

"Everyone loves a winner," stated Garver. "But when your losing you find out who your friends are," he added. He went on to say that losing is one realm of coaching you don't want to face.

Garver explains the team has potential, but lacks experience and confidence.

Karla Tiano is the team's leading scorer and "has been our stability as far as attitude and giving 110 percent is concerned," said Garver. Ann Schlegelmilch and Mitzi Finn are also on that level according to Garver.

bench. She didn't leave that seat until there were four minutes left to be played in the game.

Finn's absence from the court took a toll at the defensive end of the court. Lane posts Maryanne Graham and Theresa Hosier scored 11 and 12 points respectively for the Titans in the second half.

The brightest spot for Clackamas was guard Karla Tiano's 17 points and three assists. Tiano, whose first half was better than her second (6-10 from the field and 13 points), suffered a minor injury to her right hand in the second half, but it did not prevent her from going back into the game.

Clackamas led the game for most of the first half. That lead changed when the Titans went ahead to stay with less than five minutes to play in the half.

Poor shooting took a toll on Clackamas. The Cougars shot just 30 percent, 19 of 64 from the field.

The Cougars committed 27 fouls which resulted in 18 points from the free throw line for Lane.

In addition to Tiano's 17 points, forward Bobbi Crenshaw came off the bench and scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Finn, Anna Schlegelmilch, and Cami White added four points each for the Cougars.

Lane was lead by Graham who scored 21 points, grabbed 20 rebounds, and dished out five assists. Hosier added 16, Cara Murock and Nicki Essman scored six each, and Sheryl Jones came off the bench to score five points for the Titans, who shot 44 percent from the field, making 20 of 45, and 49 percent from the free throw line, making only 18 of 37.

Despite being outscored 33-25 in the second half, the Cougars played a fierce contest in front of the home fans.

Wrestlers on to regionals



FIRST PLACE WINNERS William Taylor (L) Tim Jordan
Photo by Lyn Thompson

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Last Saturday, Feb. 7, seven of Clackamas Community College's wrestlers attended a meet at Western Oregon State College, taking the lead with first and second placings.

William Taylor in the 150 weight class took first place as did Tim Jordan in the 158 class, Juan Ybarra at 177, and Tim Jenk at 190.

Taking second places were Mike Garcia in the 118 weight class, Eddy Invernon at 126, and Kerry Doss at 134.

"This tournament wasn't a real outstanding tournament. No real power teams were there or anything," commented Tim Jordan.

When asked about how he and the team as a whole felt about the regionals, Jordan replied, "We're excited. I hope to do very well. I think we'll do pretty well. I think we'll be up in second or third actually."

A team of ten, the best in each weight class, will leave today for the Regionals in Rangely, Colorado.

"Everyone loves a winner. But when you're losing you find out who your friends are."

After being down by just one point at the end of the first half, the Clackamas women's basketball team dropped their Feb. 4 game against Lane, who only had six players dress down for the game, by a 58-49 score.

One of the major setbacks for the Cougars came, with just under three minutes played in the second half, when post Mitzi Finn was called for her fourth foul and took a seat on the

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