

11-1 record

Men's basketball off to good start

by Mark Borrelli
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The Clackamas men's basketball team is proving once again that they are a team to be reckoned with in 1988, with a perfect 2-0 league record, and a 11-1 overall record.

The Cougars opened the league season hosting a tough league foe in Chemeketa, but overcame a slow first half to post a 78-73 win. "Chemeketa was beating us pretty good in the first half, but we sucked it up, and played better in the second half," observed Clackamas coach Royce Kiser. With Clackamas' slow start, Chemeketa jumped out to a 36-33 halftime lead, only to see the Cougars erupt in the second half for the win. "We rebounded better and played better defense." Kiser also felt that after a slow start his troops played pretty well. "After the first ten minutes we played a real good ballgame."

Jeff Stein led the Cougar scoring, tallying 16 points, while grabbing six rebounds, and dishing out three assists.

Jeff Hoffman was close behind with 13 points. Coach Kiser, however, couldn't identify one key player in the team's victory. "All of our starters played well. We had five players in double figures." The coach was happy about the bench play of his team. "Jon Rainforth and Shawn Hartley both came off the bench and played well." Rainforth, a freshman from Clackamas, scored seven points and grabbed three rebounds. Hartley, a sophomore from Vancouver, B.C., tallied 11 points and had two rebounds. For the losers, Tim Hamiel led Chemeketa with 20 points, two rebounds, and three assists.

In a Saturday league contest vs. cross town rival Mt. Hood, Clackamas made AINTS out of the Saints, jumping out to a 37-26 halftime lead and coasting to a 60-53 win at home. The Cougars played excellent defense, but had a hard time finding the basket on the offense. "We played excellent defense, but our shooting was very cold," Kiser noted. The cold-shooting Cougars con-

nected on just 19 out of 39 shots in the first half. Clackamas heated up a little in the second half, hitting on 6 out of 18 on their way to a 33 percent clip from the floor for the game.

Leading the way for the Cougars was Jeff Hoffman with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Jeff Stein pitched in with 14 points and eight rebounds. For Mt. Hood, Wray Wade led the scoring with 13 points.

"We were never able to pull away from them. They're a good upper half team." Once again Kiser refused to point at one player as a key to his team's success. "More than one guy is the key, we're a well balanced team."

Besides Clackamas, Kiser expects that Umpqua and Chemeketa are the teams that will be the toughest, but feels that all the teams in the league will be closely battling for a playoff spot. "The rest of the teams are so close that if you have a bad night you could get beat by any team."

After winning the Northwest Championship last year, it looks as if Kiser has got his team once again playing championship ball. "The reason we win, is not one player. We're not big, (but) we're fairly quick." Execution and defense is the secret for success for Kiser. "We play good defense and execute well. We're mentally tough (and) that is a big key to winning."



photo by Julie Church
A Clackamas player prepares to shoot in last Wednesday's thrashing of Chemeketa 88-67. The Cougars, coming off of two straight victories over Chemeketa and Mt. Hood, play at Umpqua Community College tonight.

Wrestlers attempting banner season

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The Clackamas Cougar wrestling team, coming off a 2nd place finish in the Nationals last year, is preparing for what, Coach Norm Berney, hopes will be another banner season.

The Cougar grapplers are off to a slow start. In their only home match, a contest with Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, CCC lost 19-16. Winners in the match for Clackamas were Tom Malone at 142, Bryan Schiller at 150, Shawn Brunson at 198, and Steve Cox won the heavy weight battle. In the match, nine wrestlers for Clackamas were freshman, five regular starters were unable to participate.

Lack of experience, and conditioning proved to be the Cougars downfall according to Coach Berney. "We had a three week Christmas break, and the kids didn't keep themselves in as good as shape as we would have liked." Berney, however, remains optimistic about his young team. "Once we get into condition and gain some experience we will wrestle better."

Some top freshman wrestlers for Clackamas who are impressing Berney are Schiller, Malone, Brunson, and heavy weight Cox. "Brunson wrestled a good match and pinned a good kid. Schiller and Malone both did a good job and Steve Cox pinned a senior."

Added with some of Clackamas' returning wrestlers like Tim Jordan (who finished 2nd in Nationals last year) and the Cougars should be strong again this year. Coach Berney is optimistic about his team returning to the nationals. "I think

we got 7-8 people who have a solid shot of going to the nationals, they have the ability."

Berney plans on spending some time with his squad by getting them back into shape. Clackamas will train with the PSU team before scrimmaging with them this week. They will return to the mat for real Thursday when they travel to Idaho to face the number one ranked North Idaho. Things don't get any easier for Clackamas with a visit to Tacoma Friday to face Highline. "That will be a good test for us, to see how our people are coming along." The next Cougar home match will be against Highline January 22.

Intramural program begins

by Christopher Curran
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Once again Intramural sports are upon us. There are three major events scheduled during winter term.

There will be five on five basketball for hoop fans. The deadline to sign up is 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Intramural basketball is not open to intercollegiate players for purposes of fairness.

Sign-up rosters are available on the intramural bulletin board in the lower level of Randall Hall. Play will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon.

There will be a three on three one day volleyball tournament. It is a coed tournament with a limit of two intercollegiate volleyball players per team.

A round robin coed racquetball tournament will be included in intramural action this term.

Participants must be enrolled in a racquetball class in order to use the facilities at Eastside Athletic Club.

Clackamas intramural T-shirts will be awarded to the champion in each event.

The Clackamas intramural sports program is designed to be a recreational activity, which allow students, faculty, and staff to participate in many activities this term.

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