

Mt. Hood to test hot Cougars

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Linn-Benton Community College was the latest victim for the Clackamas men's basketball team, as the Cougars again showed off their high powered offense in a 103-79 rout of the Roadrunners. The Cougars let the visitors hang around for a half, holding a slim 48-45 lead at the halfway mark. But apparently Coach Kiser's halftime chat had some impact because the Cougars exploded in the second half, outscoring Linn-Benton 55-34 to cruise to their second league victory in two attempts.

Nate Pyatt led the scoring attack for the Cougars, tossing in 24 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Phil Dalton chipped in 22, Trev Kiser had 19 points and

seven assists and Jeff Hoffman tossed in 16 points and snagged 10 rebounds.

"That was one of the best games we've played all year. The way we played in the second half was the way we need to play all year. If we can play like we did in the second half every game, then we will be all right," said Clackamas Coach Royce Kiser.

The Cougars did not seem to be showing any effects of the Christmas holiday, as it has just been business as usual for them.

"We have been playing pretty well. We are 2-0 in league and 13-3 overall," said Kiser.

Kiser's worries come from his team's turnovers, which have been high, and the intensity level of his team.

"I'm happy with our record,

but we're in a tough league and we need to continue to improve on defense and maintain our intensity level, because one let-down is all it takes to lose," said Kiser.

To attest to the strength of the league, four of the top ten men's basketball teams in the Northwest are from this league, with Clackamas being ranked by the league coaches as the eighth best team in the Northwest.

The Cougars will face a humongous task tonight when they entertain league power and cross town rival Mt Hood. The support thus far at the Cougar home games has been disappointing and Kiser hopes it will get better.

"A big crowd really helps you when you're out there on the court. I would urge everyone to come out and watch us Wednesday; we're a pretty good team."



Photo by Julie Church
Clackamas players keep their eye on the ball in a home game against Pacific. Nearest in the picture is #20, Jeff Hoffman.

Women win league opener on road

by Luis Perez
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Cougar cagers resumed their winning ways with a clutch road win Saturday over Linn-Benton Community College 72-62. It was the first league game for the women's team, who ran their record up to 12-4.

The Cougars consistently pounded the ball inside to their "Twin Towers" creating a problem for which Linn-Benton had no solution. Head Coach Phil Garver was pleased with his team's performance. "We handled the situation well...we're working on getting the ball inside and it worked. They (Linn-Benton) got into foul trouble in the first half and we fouled four of their girls out," he said.

Despite their strong inside play the Cougars were plagued by turnovers making the game closer than

it should have been. The Cougars were coasting with a 15 point lead when a Linn-Benton spurt cut that lead to four with 1:45 remaining. But it wasn't enough after point guard Kelli Brown took control of the ball and the game.

"Things got kind of hairy down the stretch but Kelli took over," Garver said. "Kelli probably played her best game of the year. She has kind of taken over the leadership role on the court."

Alicia Stephenson paced the Cougars with 21 points and 13 rebounds, Pam Pember chipped in 17 points and 10 boards, and Kelli Brown had 17 points and five assists while shooting 2-3 from three point range.

The Clackamas team seems to be back on track following a slight holiday slump in which they lost twice at the Cougar Classic, a tournament they had won the two

previous years. "We are a really young team," Garver said. "We make a lot of turnovers, we need to work on that."

Although the Cougars did not play up to their expectations during the Cougar classic, there were bright spots. One was the level of competition they got to see. The teams at the classic were teams Clackamas will have to beat if they are to be successful in postseason play. Another bright spot was the play of J.J. Drennen, who was named to the all tournament team.

Last Friday night the Cougars devastated Western Oregon State by the score of 69-49. Pam Pember and J.J. Drennen led the way with 16 and 14 points respectively. The season continues for Clackamas with a home game against Mt. Hood Community College tonight. Tipoff is at 6 p.m.

Sign ups underway...

Intramurals to start

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Fall intramurals are over, but not without some outstanding play by the students of Clackamas.

Flag football was won by "Solid Waste" in a exciting overtime victory over the "Grapplers". Solid Waste was predicted to take the Grapplers easily, but it was down to the wire in one of the most exciting intramural games ever played.

In racquetball, Sawn Thank defeated Scott Harris in the advanced tournament, and Dave Gallbreath defeated Randy Stegmeyer in the intermediate tournament.

In the Turkey Trot, there were several winners in different categories. Mary Grout won the 3.1 mile turkey trot with a time of 24:02. Gladys Michael won the 2.4 prediction race with a difference of 15 seconds; and Kathy

Scheer won the 3.1 mile prediction trot with a difference of 55 seconds in the female category.

In the male division, Keith Pemberton won the 3.1 mile trot with a time of 19:22. The 2.4 mile prediction was won by Bob Wynia with a 1.12 difference; and the 3.1 prediction race was one by Barry Rhetepplace with a difference of 42 seconds.

The coed turkey trot was won by the team of Pat Brown, Klatherin Skyles, Linda Fisher, Terri Nortell, and Judy Peabody with a time of 1:70.25.

For all the fun runners out there, it was cancelled due to poor attendance.

If you are a basketball player, volleyball player, or like to run, don't forget to sign up for winter intramurals starting soon. See Kathie Woods in her office in Randall Hall for sign up information.

Come support your teams tonight, as they battle Mt. Hood in Randall Hall. The women, 12-4 and 1-0 in league play at 6 p.m. and the men, 13-3 and 2-0 in league, play at 8 p.m. Good luck to both teams from the Print sports staff!!!

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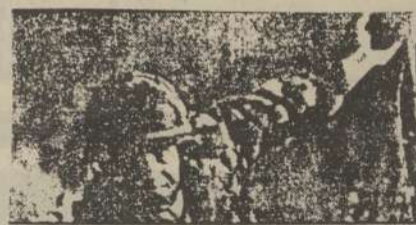


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