

Brown provides leadership

by Luis Perez
Staff Writer

Kelli Brown is a basketball artist and the court is her canvas. The freshman from Madison High School runs the Cougar offense with a flair for getting her teammates open shots.

The 1988-89 basketball season is 20 games old and so far she has averaged 10.2 points, 6 assists and 2.9 steals per game. But the real measure of her effectiveness is the steady leadership she provides for the team. Head Coach Phil Garver is impressed with her maturity.

"The last four or five games she's taken over the leadership role," Garver stated. "It's something I've anticipated her doing and she's coming along and doing it. Mentally she's becoming more aware of what's happening on the court and taking control of the situation."

Control the basketball and you control the game. That is what Brown does best. She is an expert dribbler as well as an outstanding passer.

"I'm not into seeing how many points I can score, I'm into getting assists. I love passing the ball to Pam (Pember) and Alicia (Stephenson)," Brown remarked.

With Brown distributing the ball and the likes of Pember, Stephenson, and J.J. Drennen scoring points, as well as the solid defensive contributions of the rest of the team,

"I think we can do it. The only thing holding us back is turnovers. We have everything on our team: we have shooters, defensive players, everything," said Brown.

The Cougar women are currently cruising but it hasn't always been such smooth sailing.

"There have been times when things have been shaky and we didn't get along so well. Our coach always told us to keep our feelings off the court...we finally pulled together...we kind of matured and grew out of it," Brown added.

As well as things are going for the Cougars, there is still room for improvement if they are to realize their potential.

"I don't think (Coach) Garver wants any of us to be satisfied. We can always improve," she said.

Brown began playing basketball in fifth grade. She has two older brothers and their love for the sport was contagious. Her grade school didn't have a girls' team, but by sixth grade she became one of two girls on the boys' squad. Oddly enough she was the first member of her family to play organized basketball. She starred at Madison High School, setting standards for other players to follow. She holds Madison's record for assists in a game with 16, for steals in a season with 93, and she is tied for the most points in a game with 32.

It was in her senior year that Kelli shined the brightest. That season she averaged 14 points and six assists per game, but the num-

ber of assists was 11. **Portland** magazine voted her first team all P.I.L. as she headed for the B.C.I. basketball camp to hone her skills for the transition to college basketball.

"A lot of times the guards worked on things...I worked on my dribbling. I still need to work on my ball handling some more," she conceded.

Other than her mother, who is supportive of every thing she does, Brown singled out her coach Phil Garver as someone who has made a difference in her life.

"He's really helped...he's the best coach I've ever had. He's so mellow...he's a super nice guy. He treats us like his friends," she said.

Like many other Clackamas athletes Brown is concerned with the lack of attendance at home games.

"A lot of times the other teams have more fans than we do, and we're doing so well. I think we'd do better if we came to the game and saw our fans in the stands."

Right now Brown is studying criminal justice, and improving her grades is her top priority. When she is not busy with school or basketball she enjoys listening to music, dancing, and spending time with a group of her friends (Alicia and J.J.) that she has dubiously titled, "my partners in crime."

Kelli Brown has enjoyed life in college, remarking that "basketball is not the focal part of my life. I just want to be happy and have fun." There is one message that she would like to send to the



Photo by Jillian Porter

Freshman point guard Kelli Brown has shown tremendous poise and leadership, and has helped her team become very tough.

Wrestling team successful in out of town tournament

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Clackamas Community College wrestling team trekked out of town last Thursday, Friday and Saturday piling up victories against stiff competition from other colleges.

Thursday they wrestled a tough North Idaho College in Couer d'Alene, ID, losing to them by a narrow margin of 20-22, before pounding Ricks College 29-11 and Big Bend Community College 51-6.

The team then traveled to Des Moines, WA, on Friday to face Highline Community College, brutalizing the host 34-9, in another lop sided Cougar victory.

The action heated up Saturday at the Pacific Lutheran University Collegiate Tournament, which featured 18 top-notch teams.

Clackamas Community College did an outstanding job by placing fourth in team competition. The first three teams were all four-year schools. Taking first place was Southern Oregon State College, who is currently ranked third in NAIA polls. Second place went to number one ranked Simon Fraser and third place went to fourth ranked Alaska Pacific University.

Clackamas' Gary Malone won the 118 pound championship and Daryl Holiday had a strong third place finish at the PLU Invitational Tournament.

Brian Schiller won all his

matches in dual team competition before withdrawing because of an injury.

Coach Norm Berney pointed out sophomore Sean Carlson as the most outstanding wrestler for the Cougar team. Wrestling at 158 pounds, Sean won all of his dual matches with two pins and a superior decision over his opponents. He won 6 out of 8 matches at PLU; his two 1 point losses came from World Wrestling Champion Cris Wilson and All-American Jeff Marshall.

"Sean Brunson had a great week at a 177 pounds," said Coach Berney. Brunson pinned All-American Greg Butters and Scott Smith and decisioned All-American Wade Ellis 7-6 in a close match.

Joel Suprenant wrestled tough all weekend despite having an injured rib. He coasted to a victory over a Ricks College opponent and narrowly lost to a North Idaho competitor.

In the heavyweight division, Ian Pitzman upset National Champion Robbie Benjamin of North Idaho College 9-7, before injuring his arm against All-American J.B. Alley of Southern Oregon and withdrawing from competition.

The awesome Cougar wrestling team will host North Idaho College and Highline Community College here Friday Night in Randall Gymnasium. The action gets underway at 6 p.m. against Highline and 7:30 p.m. against North Idaho.

Cougars nipped by Linn-Benton

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It was the Michelle Derry show as the Clackamas women's basketball team was upset by the Linn Benton Roadrunners 67-65 Saturday night.

Derry single-handedly drove the final nail in the Cou-

gars' coffin, hitting 10 of 19 shots from the field en route to a 22 point, 11 rebound performance. Cougar Coach Phil Garver seemed shellshocked by her performance.

"She's a very tough player, but there should be no way that

one player beats five. I think that's what was going on," Garver said.

The Cougars were coming off a big win over Chemeketa, but were missing in action against Linn-Benton. Garver was understandably perplexed by their play.

"We lost our motivation after the Chemeketa game and anticipated rolling over Linn-Benton," he said. "We didn't come out with our heads screwed on straight. Our defensive intensity wasn't there. We had good post play but our outside game was non-existent. Everybody is out to get us because we're the key team in the league. The girls have to realize that every game is a pressure situation. They (Linn-Benton) acted like they had just won the N.C.A.A. championship."

Alicia Stephenson and Pam Pember led the Cougars with 19 points apiece. Stephenson had strong post play with 18 trips to the free throw line, connecting on 11 out of 18 attempts.

It was a more intense Cougar team that defeated Chemeketa 78-65 earlier in the week. Alicia Stephenson led the charge with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Pam Pember had 19 points and 10 rebounds, J.J. Drennen chipped in 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Tracy Jones played a solid game with 19 points and 7 assists.

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