

Cougars win three

by Luis Perez
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It was a sensational week for the Cougar women hoopsters, winning all three of their games and ending the week with a 75-69 triumph over first place Umpqua.

J.J. Drennen led a balanced Cougar attack with 19 points, Alicia Stephenson contributed 16 points and 10 rebounds, Pam Pember chipped in 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Kelli Brown had 9

on the boards, registering a career high 11 rebounds earlier in the week at Mt.Hood.

"She's really been coming on strong and been aggressive on the boards," Garver said.

Garver has also been impressed with the improvement of the whole squad. "I feel that our team unity is really coming around. They are beginning to act like sophomores," he said.

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Clackamas Coach Phil Garver on the play of Casie Harker

assists. Tracy Friday led Umpqua with 24 points and 18 rebounds.

Head Coach Phil Garver needed to find a way to defense the hot shooting Frady.

"We really had to adjust at half-time... she had 20 points at the half," he said. "We adjusted and closed things down inside. She only had four points in the second half, and that was the big change in the game."

The Cougars came out smoking in the second half, building their lead to as many as 18 points and getting solid contributions from the whole team. Backup forward Casie Harker was a terror

Earlier in the week Clackamas team-rolled the Lane Titans 67-41. They were paced by Pam Pember's 23 points. Next up was the Mt. Hood Saints, who fell to the Cougars 68-52. Alicia Stephenson took the scoring honors with 29 points.

Clackamas now is in position to secure second place and a trip to the playoffs with a win at Chemeketa tonight.

"Chemeketa will be a really big one," Garver conceded.

The Cougars will travel to Chemeketa tonight to face the lady chiefs. They will face SWOCC Saturday in their last home game.



The Clackamas women's basketball team is having another incredible season. After knocking off Umpqua, the women are only a half of game out of first place. Photo by Jillian Porter

Wrestlers 2nd at regionals

by Tim Jones

Clackamas Community College wrestling team was fired up for the National Junior College Athletic Association Western Regionals held here in Randall Gym last Friday. The team fought hard to secure a second place finish, being edged out by North Idaho College of Courd'Alene by three quarters of a point.

North Idaho, ranked No. 1 in the nation, finished with 96 1/2 points, Clackamas had 95 3/4, Ricks College 54, Highline Community College 33 1/2, Colorado North Western Community College 16, and Big Bend Community College had 9 points.

"The action was exiting and featured some of the best college wrestlers in the nation participating in this tournament," said Coach Norm Berney of Clackamas.

The talented line up of wrestlers made the evening eventful for wrestlers and spectators. The Cougar wrestling team came away with three individual champions, four second place finishers and three third place winners, qualifying a total of seven wrestlers for the NJACC National tournament held in Chicago, Illinois.

Sean Brunson, Tom Malone and Sean Carlson all captured individual titles.

Gary Malone at 118 pounds and All American Brian Schiller

at 142 pounds both earned a berth to the national finals. Malone came close to beating Bob Mena of North Idaho, losing 6-5.

Wally Anderson of Clackamas jumped up two weight divisions to fill a vacancy of Scott Kerney at 167 pounds. Anderson turned in an inspirational performance, narrowly missing a second place finish and a trip to the nationals. He lost a 1 point decision in a wrestle back situation for second and third place.

Other third place finishers were freshman Brian Holiday and freshman Chris Wilson.

Norm Berney has led his team to a 7-3 dual meet record this season and has made them a force in tournament action.

Clackamas' wrestling team placed fourth in the nation last year. "This is the chance of a lifetime for our team. I believe we have the talent to win the NJACC National Championship this year," said Berney. "The championships are two weeks away and I don't think the team has reached its peak yet. If all goes right we'll be bringing home some individual champions as well as a few All Americans."

Coach Norm Berney received the Coach of the Year Award and North Idaho College Scott Filius won the most outstanding wrestler award for the tournament.

Stephenson dominates league

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Alicia Stephenson came to Clackamas with few expectations, but after less than a year of college basketball she has proved herself to be one of the most dominant players in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Stephenson is averaging 16.8 points and 9 rebounds per game this season, but the numbers don't indicate how dominating a presence she is in the middle.

"Alicia has been one of our solid offensive threats," said her coach, Phil Garver. "She, along with the other twin tower (Pam Pember), have been holding up our offensive end."

Not only has Stephenson made a rapid adjustment to college basketball, but she is proving to be an outstanding student as well.

"She's pulled out 17 credits for the fall term with a 3.3 grade point average. She's learned what it takes to get the grades in college. After her sophomore year

she'll be valuable to an N.C.A.A. program," Garver said.

Growing up in Ontario, Oregon, Stephenson wasn't interested in basketball until her grandfather pointed her in that direction.

"I didn't know anything about the sport," she said. "I didn't even start in junior high school... my grandfather told me that I was tall and that I had better get my butt in gear," Stephenson said.

Stephenson had a handle on her game by her senior year in high school. That year she averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds per game while being a second team all-state selection. She was also her team's most valuable player.

Everything seems smooth in Alicia Stephenson's life, and after three straight Cougar wins all is well with her team too.

"I get along with everybody on the team... sure everybody has their little complaints, but it's all forgotten once we get off the court," she said.

Stephenson gets along with her coach too. "I love him," she said. "He's a really good coach. He yells at me, but I know he means well. He cares a lot."

Stephenson is planning on a career as a physical therapist and wants to work in athletics. It's hard to imagine her having any free time with her overloaded schedule, but when she does she can be found hanging around with her teammates or playing volleyball.

"I'm using my partner in crime J.J., and her crime mobile," she said.



Photo by Tara Powers

Clackamas center Alicia Stephenson's inside domination this season has helped her team to another great year.

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