

Clackamas finishes third in NWAACC tournament

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Clackamas defeated Spokane Falls Community College Saturday to win third place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges women's championship basketball tournament, 66-59.

"We went out in style...in a really good fashion," Garver said.

The Cougars maintained a ten point lead throughout much of the game, which was dominated by the inside play of Alicia Stephenson and Pam Pember.

"Alicia and Pam just dominated the game inside," Garver commented. "Our girls really play under control."

Pam Pember paced the Cougars with 22 points and 19 rebounds, and Alicia Stephenson contributed 20 points and 16 boards. Brandi Jo Sellers led Spokane Falls with 14 points.

Alicia Stephenson was voted to the all-tournament team for her outstanding play. Clackamas finished the season with a 25-7 record and filled with optimism for next season.

"Angela Hewlitt is real fired up about coming back...hopefully Leslie Hughes will be back too. We should be a strong contender," Garver explained.

Garver wasn't too disappointed with the third place finish, however. "It's a real nice trophy. It's huge," he remarked.

The Cougars survived an outstanding effort Thursday by Wenatchee Community College to post a 65-64 first round NWAACC tournament win. It was the third meeting of the season for the two teams, but the first victory in the series for the Cougar women.

"I told them at the press conference that the third time would be a charm," commented Clackamas Head Coach Phil Garver. "It was a game that went down to the wire...it was a dogfight."

Clackamas played a solid first half, wielding a 10 point lead at the intermission, 31-21. Alicia Stephenson and Kelli Brown were plagued by early foul trouble, and their absence allowed Wenatchee to fight their way back into the game in the second half.

The Cougars trailed by a point when Pam Pember scored on a dribble drive to give Clackamas the lead 65-64 with 22 seconds remaining. Kelli Brown was fouled after a Wenatchee turnover, but then missed the front end of a one and one free throw opportunity. Alicia Stephenson grabbed the rebound and fired, but the shot rimmed in and out. Wenatchee recovered with four seconds left to play and a chance to win.

That chance never materialized. Wenatchee failed to get off a shot as time expired. Phil Garver pointed out three members of his team who helped to make the

win possible.

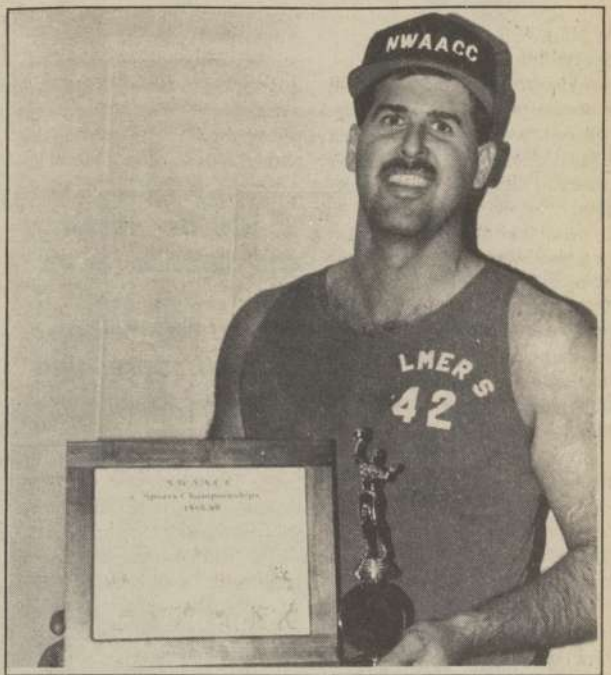
"Pam (Pember), Stacey (Wallace), and Tracy (Jones) played real well. Pam was a force inside, Stacey helped with her defense and Tracy with her shooting," Garver said.

Alicia Stephenson had 21 points and 16 rebounds. Pam Pember contributed 20 points and 12 boards for the Cougars. Jennifer Saunders paced Wenatchee with 21 points.

The Cougars faced Highline Friday, and saw their championship hopes ended with a 86-64 loss.

Pam Pember and Alicia Stephenson led the way for the Cougars. Pember had only 12 points but totalled a whopping 22 rebounds. Stephenson was unstoppable with 33 points and 10 boards.

Missy Riemer paced a balanced Highline attack with 16 points and 9 rebounds. Marylynn Walbaum also scored 16 points for Highline.



Clackamas Women's Coach Phil Garver proudly displays the hardware that his team picked up in the NWAACC tournament.

NWAACC officials should be reviewed

Sports Grid

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After attending the Lane-Clackamas playoff game, I witnessed the same thing that I had in every game that I had been to this season: bad officiating.

The Lane-Clackamas game was another example of bad officiating. Even in games that Clackamas has won, the officials have been terrible. It seems like the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges recruits their officials from the Burnside projects area. The NWAACC needs to stop hiring anybody who will wear a striped shirt and actually hire a real official with a knowledge of the game, an official that actually can recite some rules and violations without pulling his handy-dandy NWAACC rule book out of his pocket.

I have been to a lot of basketball games in my life, ranging from junior high school games to the NBA. To be completely honest, the junior high officials do a better job than the officials of the NWAACC. In some cases in games I have been to, the officials have almost been non-existent. They run up and down the court, with whistles hanging out their mouths, but wouldn't blow it to save their lives. I think they swallowed the little ball that's inside of it. Take for example the Clackamas at Mt. Hood game: Trev Kiser was running the baseline when suddenly he was thrown out of bounds. The refs must have missed this, as they called nothing except a technical against Coach Royce Kiser for protesting. Then Todd Spencer almost gets his head taken off on

an intentional foul by a Mt. Hood player. The official did call a foul: a 1-1 foul. The call should have been a two shot intentional foul, and the ball out of bounds for Clackamas.

The same official that worked the game at Mt. Hood was an official for the infamous Clackamas-Chemeketa game, and once again he swallowed the little ball inside his whistle. The officiating at both of these games were weak, and the poor officiating at the Clackamas-Chemeketa game had a little to do with the brawl, as the officials let the game get out of hand. Both of the officials working that game are not capable of officiating a game of lawn darts, let alone a college basketball game.

In the most recent game I attended, I again witnessed some ugliness sent out by the NWAACC to officiate the playoff game between Clackamas and Lane. The refs seemed lost on the court, and at times seemed like they were

asking the players what to call. They fell for the oldest trick in the book in the second half as Clackamas fouled a Lane player and another Lane player, a better free throw shooter, took his place on the line. Despite an outcry from the Clackamas bench, the player who was not fouled was allowed to shoot the free throws. A bit later, a Clackamas player fouled a Lane player and the ref, on the ball for a change, called a one and one. Then, after conferring with a Lane player, he changed his call to a two-shot intentional foul.

I don't know where the NWAACC finds these officials, but I wish they would look somewhere else. Look at the Pac 10: those are pretty good refs. An NWAACC ref couldn't carry a Pac 10 ref's shoes. I suggest that, after the season, every official in the NWAACC be reviewed. Start over and search for some people who actually have a clue about what they are doing.



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