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CCC football squad faces Mt. Hood

Clackamas Community College's most difficult test of the football season is quickly approaching as the team prepares to battle the nationally-ranked Mt. Hood Community College Saints this Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Saints' home turf.

By Amanda Eggleston
Sports Editor

While the Mt. Hood team has taken on added significance this year with their outstanding offense, the CCC Cougars are not about to run away and hide. Clackamas carries a four-game winning streak into the Mt. Hood game and the main reason is the defense.

"Our defense believes it can stop anyone," said Coach Dale McGriff, who has relied on the CCC defense to shoulder a larger share of the work this season while his young offense matures.

Anchoring the defense are end Mark Stennfeld and linebacker Bill Sehorn, but the strength of the defense is truly its overall ability and depth.

There are no glaring weaknesses. The line is solid with Mark Wilson, a 275-pounder, and Dan Clark at the tackles and Kim Roehl and Stennfeld, who are both sophomores, at the ends.

The linebackers -- Sehorn, Jeff Harmon, and Brian Freitag -- are experienced and possess the mixture of speed and strength necessary to handle both the run and pass.

The secondary boasts good tacklers and 14 pass interceptions during the season among Mark LeRoy, Tom Connell, Steve Maynard, Greg Hoff, and Pat Moran.

The battle lines are set and Saturday's confrontation between Mt. Hood (rated first in the nation in a junior college poll) and Clackamas should rank as a memorable

edition in the school's Civil War tradition.

The Cougars, meanwhile, have set several individual and team single-game records this season.

The victory over Wenatchee on Oct. 16 increased the defense's string of shutout quarters to 12. Punter Pat Moran broke the record for punting average in a game, with a 44.4 average on five kicks of 222 total yards.

CCC to host meet

The Clackamas Community College cross country team will host the Oregon Community College Athletic Association state meet this Saturday, Oct. 30 at McIver State Park.

The Cougars look to Lane CC as the team to beat as they have won the state cross country meet the last six years in a row. After a second place finish to Spokane CC in their own CCC invitational last Saturday, the Cougars are prepared for a strong showing this weekend.

Clackamas' Pat Curl ran first over the McIver Park five-mile course with a 25:07 time at that CCC meet. Jeff Ponsness, 10th; Kelly Sullivan, 12th; Don Brown, 13th; and Don Jones, 14th, were the other Cougar scorers as Clackamas totaled 50 points to trail Spokane's 20. Linn-Benton placed third with 102 points followed by Chemeketa, 105, and Blue Mountain, 117.

Alan Knoop, Ken Wanvig, Damien Ranger, Garth Eliason, and Mike Cheever are other Cougar runners who ran in the invitational and should show well in the state meet this Saturday.

Halloween run set

A seven-mile Halloween Road Run will start at Clackamas Community College at 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 31.

Lucky Richardson, a 5-10, running back from Renton, Wash., had his biggest day, however. He rushed for 100 yards on 29 carries -- both new records -- and he became the first Cougar to reach the 100-yard mark for a single game.

Soccer team tie

The Cougar soccer team battled to a 1-1 tie against the University of Portland on the U of P campus, Oct. 19.

Clackamas scored on a rebounder kick near the end of the first half. The U of P team was held scoreless through the second half when a lapse in the CCC defense left them an easy away shot into the left corner of the net.

The Clackamas soccer team was a little sluggish most of the game and never really mounted a sustained attack. Luckily, the defense did a good job of providing scarce scoring opportunities to the opposing team.

The soccer team's record is now 1-1-1.



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