

Cougar spikers finish disappointing first half

by Staci Beard
Sport Editor

One victory and three losses finished off the first half of the women's volleyball season to bring their league record to 2-4.

The Cougar's week started off with a loss to rival Mt. Hood Community College 15-13, 8-15, 8-15, 3-15.

While the start of the match proved to be exciting, Clackamas was not able to keep up the momentum for the finish.

"The first game was great; we had lots of intensity and concentration. Even during most of the second game it was going both ways; but by the third game we just lost that intensity, so we lost in four," explained Coach Kathie Woods.

There were a couple of bright spots for individuals as well as the team.

Casie Harker lead all hitters with eleven "kills." Sparking the defense with eleven "digs" was Jill Schnell. Chris Nylen also chipped in on the defensive effort with eleven solo blocks.

For the team, the first-game victory over Mt. Hood was the first time Mt. Hood has a lost a league game all season.

"Now that we won a game, we can win a match. We were a little nervous," stated Woods.

Wednesday night's match against Chemeketa proved that playing without intensity, the effort can fall a little flat as they lost 8-15, 3-15, 11-15.

"There just wasn't any twinkle. Our passing was off and the desire wasn't there. You can't play a solid, consistent team like Chemeketa and not have the intensity," stated Woods.

In preparing for Umpqua the team worked on passing which proved to be a weakness against Chemeketa.

Umpqua proved to be the Cougar's only victory of the week.

The Cougars took only three games to defeat Umpqua 15-12, 15-11, 15-13.

"Our passing was much better. They were close wins but we were able to pull them out," commented Woods.

Southwestern proved to be more difficult and Clackamas lost in four, 12-15, 15-9, 13-15, 6-15.

The first game showed a strong Cougar team as they jumped to a large 8-0 lead. But they weren't able to hold it and ended up with a first game loss.

"We showed something when we were able to come back and win the second game, after the hard loss in the first game. During the third we kept it close, but in

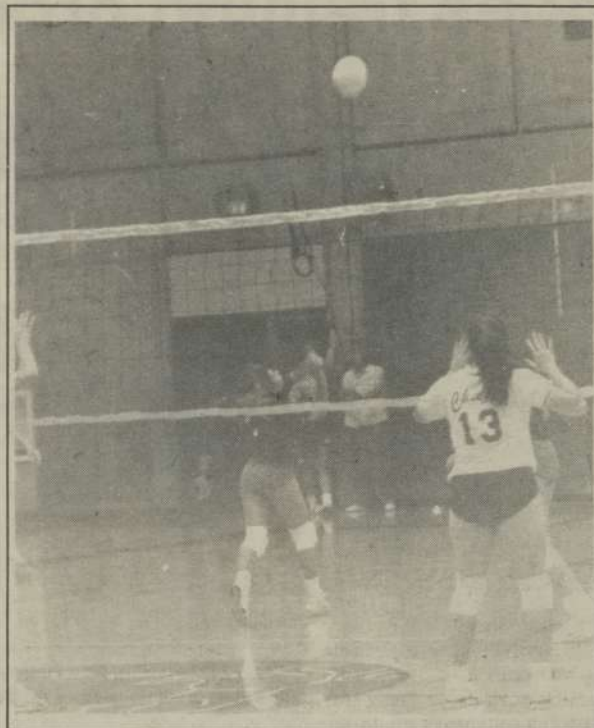


photo by Dawn Kuehl

The Clackamas volleyball team, shown here in a match with Chemeketa, hopes to turn their season around.

the fourth we just seemed to tire out and couldn't give a good fight," stated Woods.

Harker still came up with a good day leading the teams in "kills" with 9 and helping the defense with 8 "digs".

Dawn Cusick and Schnell were both tough on the serving line with 4 and 5 serving aces respec-

tively. "We are at the end of the first half of the season and are not where we want to be. During the week we are working hard to be prepared for the second half," concluded Woods.

The Cougars return to action in at tournament at Green River Crossover on Oct 13 and 14.

Cusick serves up experience, leadership

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The Clackamas volleyball team, after a forgetful season last year, is hopeful that returning players make them a stronger team this year. One of those returning players is team captain Dawn Cusick and the Cougars will be relying on her leadership to help

attain a winning season.

Cusick, a graduate of LaSalle High School, suffered through a horrid season last year and hopes that with some experience and some freshman talent that this year Cougars will fare better than last year's squad.

"I think we have a definite shot for a 2nd, or 3rd place finish.

Our goal is to make it to the tournament and I think that we have the talent to get there," said Cusick.

Along with team goals, Cusick has set some personal goals for this year.

"I want to make the all-league team. I want to be able to get a scholarship, to play next year at a four year school," said Cusick.

Cusick has been playing volleyball since sixth grade and has loved playing any kind of sport as long as she can remember. While at LaSalle, she accumulated a number of honors. She was 1st team all-league her junior and senior year. She was team captain her senior year, she was also team MVP, and was a member of the metro state all-star game. After an outstanding senior year, Cusick then chose to come to CCC for some very practical reasons.

"It was close to home, and I saved money," said Cusick.

Cusick made an immediate impact, as her presence was felt her first year and she was voted most inspirational by her teammates.

"Dawn is a born leader. Definitely a leader on the floor," said Coach Kathie Woods. "She has a desire to win and has a very good knowledge of the game," said

Woods.

While Cusick is a hard worker on the court, she also works hard in the classroom. She is a child psychology major and hopes to be a child psychologist. She hopes that her volleyball skills will help her get to a four year school next year.

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Volleyball at the college level is a lot different than high school according to Cusick and she has some advice to pass along to high school athletes planning on playing college volleyball.

"Be sure that you take it more serious than high school. College volleyball is a lot different than high school. You can't go out to have fun in college, you've got to go out to win," said Cusick.

While Cusick is looking forward to expanding her horizons in volleyball and academics at a bigger school, she is going to miss Clackamas.

"I'm going to miss the friends that I made through volleyball. I'm going to miss Kathie Woods, she's a good coach and a good friend."



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Sophomore captain Dawn Cusick brings experience, as well as leadership to this year's team.

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Welcome back to Clackamas Community College for hopefully another great year of CCC sports. For those returning you'll know what to expect, but for you new students, brace yourself for an exciting, unpredictable year.

"How was your summer?" would seem to be an appropriate question at the beginning of a year. But I'm not even going to ask, because I'm sure you had an eventful one to say the least. My summer was strange at best and at times a living Hell. But, this summer was brightened by the play of my Chicago Cubs. No, I'm not a bandwagon fan. They won enough this summer to keep me happy and when they did lose, I could always look for "Special K" to save the day.

Co-Sports Editor Staci Beard and I will team up this year to hopefully bring you a quality sports section. We have some new, fun ideas that we are going to give a try, but we are always open to your ideas. If you have any ideas, or comments, we would love to hear them. You can drop them by Trailer B, or just call us at ext 309. Okay, enough with the formalities. That's boring, let's talk sports!

Bay area bash...

Well, as much as I hate to admit it, the San Francisco Giants beat the Chicago Cubs in an interesting NLCS. Will Clark was simply incredible, he killed us. Neither team got any pitching, the Cubs staff was too young and the youth showed in the series. The Giants staff was also weak, despite Scott Garrelts performances. Big Daddy was ruffed up more than he was effective. Where was Andre Dawson in this series? Andre, the veteran of the team, just didn't show up. He batted just 2-19 (.119) and left 19 men stranded. The Hawk looked more like a dove in this series. Mark (Amazing) Grace kept the Cubs in games with his red hot bat. If Dawson would have even been close to the ball park, the Cubs would have won. Oh well, with some serious undeniable young talent, the Cubs should be near the top again next year.

New Coaches at CCC...

Jim Jackson and Robby Robinson join the Clackamas coaching staff this year. Jackson replaces Norm Berney as wrestling coach and Robinson replaces Roeder, who replaced Tagert, who replaced Roeder, and so on, as baseball coach.

Sports Action...

The new Oregon lottery game Sports action seems to be on stable ground. I must admit to playing, not winning, but playing.

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