

Cougars 6-0, set to battle 6-0 Chemeketa tonight

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The Clackamas men's basketball team continues to impress all doubters, as they added another two wins to their record last week, improving their league record to a red hot 6-0.

South Western Oregon Community College was the latest team on the wrong side of the Cougar magic. Once again, Clackamas didn't dominate this game, but they did enough to win.

The contest stayed close through out the first half, and Clackamas nursed a 33-25 halftime advantage. The second half saw the Cougars play turn sloppy, and just like that, SWOCC was back in the game. Missed free throws gave SWOCC hope, as Clackamas connected on only 9-20 for the game, but the "Cardiac kids" held on to post their sixth straight league victory.

"I didn't think that we played real well. (SWOCC) played pretty

good defense and executed their offense real well," commented Coach Royce Kiser.

Todd Spencer headed the offense attack, popping in 20 on 8-9 shooting. David Daniels chipped in 12 points, and Tim Osburn added 11 points and seven assists.

"I felt really good, I shot well in warm-ups, I just felt really good," said Spencer.

In a game that was supposed to be close with Umpqua Jan. 17, the Cougars came out and played their best game of the year and flew by the Timbermen 77-59.

"We played very well in that game, probably our best of the year," said a pleased Coach Kiser. Umpqua defenders had a hard time staying with Osburn, as he erupted for 24 points, including a pair of dunks. Osburn also added eight rebounds. Guard David Daniels scored 13 points and dished out four assists.

Coach Kiser is surprised that

his team is off to a 6-0 start, but he's not surprised with their performance.

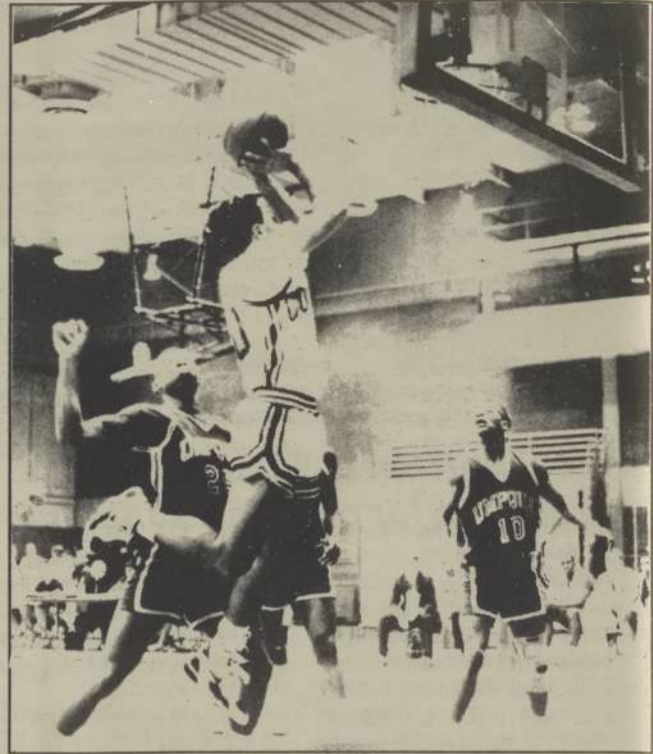
"If you'd told me that we'd be 6-0 at this point at the beginning, I never would've believed it. I'm not surprised how well we are playing because we have some good players. I don't think it's one guy either; we have our main four, (Osburn, Spencer, Daniels, Nesland) but our bench has been doing a great job," said Kiser.

The Cougars don't have much time to enjoy their success, as they face co-league leader Chemeketa Wednesday at Salem.

"It looks like we're in for a tough one Wednesday. They're very tough and we're going to have to come ready to play," said Kiser.

At least one Clackamas player can't wait to travel down to Chemeketa.

"I really don't care for Chemeketa at all. I love to beat them more than any other team," said Spencer.



Brett Nesland hangs between two Umpqua defenders. The surprising Cougars are tied for 1st place with a 6-0 record.
Photo by Tim Zivney

Natural ability paves way for Osburn

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Clackamas high-flying forward Tim Osburn has logged enough air time this year to qualify for free travel on most airlines. His gravity-defying athletic ability has helped his team get off to a 6-0 start.

If you're at a game and happen to witness Osburn playing, you'll know why many fans shriek in anticipation when Osburn gets the ball on a fast break. They know that chances are that Osburn will delight the crowd with a two handed dunk.

"I like to dunk. Everyone would like to dunk if they could. I would dunk every time if I could, but I generally look for the open

opportunity," said Osburn.

Though Osburn's dunks are the most exciting part of his game, as he's had at least one in every game, he possesses natural athletic ability, which has made him an important member of the Cougar team this year.

"He's a very quick player. It's hard for one player to guard him in a man to man because he is so quick," said Coach Royce Kiser. Kiser also credits maturity as a reason for Osburn's improvement this year.

"He has really improved his game. He plays good defense; his man really doesn't score a lot of points. He has matured as a ball player," said Kiser.

Osburn credits more playing

time, and more independence as the key to his success.

"I feel that I have more freedom this year. I'm getting a lot of playing time, and I'm playing the position that I played in high school, and I feel that is the right position for me," said Osburn.

Osburn's main goals this year are to help his team get to the NWAACC tournament. So far this season, the Cougars have played with inspiration, and are right on target with a 6-0 record.

"We're a lot faster this year, but I think that the big difference is that we have more of a desire to win," said Osburn.

Osburn's basketball career got off the ground at an early grade, when with the help of his father and grandpa, he started playing "hoops."

"My grandpa got me playing in the second grade. My father was a coach, and he really helped me; he has helped me more than anyone," said Osburn.

Many of Osburn's free moments were spent on playground courts improving his basketball skills. He became good enough to earn first team All-League honors his senior year at Barlow High School, and received honorable mention All-State. Osburn hopes to stay involved in basketball, and the 6-foot-2 sophomore would like to move on to a four-year school next year, receive a scholarship, and keep on playing basketball.

"I want to keep playing basketball, no matter where it may be," said Osburn.

The transition from high school athletics is a big one for any athlete, but Osburn has taken it in stride, but not without determination and hard work.

"Everyone in college is good, not just a few people like in high school. Prepare yourself to work hard and play good everyday, and prepare yourself for lack of fan support," commented Osburn.



Tim Osburn glides in for a finger roll over an Umpqua player.
Photo by Tim Zivney

Three sports offered in winter intramurals

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Basketball, volleyball, and racquetball, are the three sports that will be played in Clackamas' winter intramural program.

Sign-up deadlines have already expired for basketball, and the 5 on 5 tournament began play yesterday. Game time for the basketball tournament is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm.

Coed racquetball is also being offered, but if you're not a member of the racquetball class at the East Side Athletic Club, then you're out of luck, because you must be a member of this class to sign-up for the tournament. This round robin tournament will be held at The East Side Athletic Club, and the dates and times of the matches are to be determined.

If you have no shooting touch,

and you hate being confined in small places, but want to participate in intramurals, then maybe 3 on 3 coed volleyball is for you. This tournament is open to all CCC students, but limits the amount of Clackamas volleyball players to a maximum of two a team. The times and dates of the tournaments have yet to be determined.

Once again, for the lucky winners, Intramural T-shirts will be awarded to the champion team in every sport. What better way to impress someone than with a Clackamas intramural champion T-shirt!

Sign-up information as usual is posted in lower Randall Hall on the intramural board across from Kathie Woods office. For times and dates, you can contact Kathie at 657-6958 ext 418.

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Winter Term 1990

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA), AL-ANON, AL-ATEEN:
Fridays, 8 p.m. --- Pauling-102, 104, 105

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
Wednesdays, Noon --- Orchard Center 121

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8 p.m. --- Orchard Center 121

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Thursdays, 7 p.m. --- Community Center 116

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. --- Pauling 105

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING:
Mary Fitzgerald from Clackamas County Mental Health is on campus the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. in CC-116. Open to students and staff. No appointment necessary. (Scheduled dates for Winter term: January 9, 23; February 13, 27, and March 13.) For further information and counseling, Vince Fitzgerald is available daily in the Counseling Center.

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