

The Sporting Fool Speaks
By Aaron Brown

Sports fans take events way too seriously

Why are hometown fans so terrible to the opposing team and opposing fans?

This question has plagued my brain ever since I participated in my first organized sporting event back when I was about six. It was the first year of soccer for me back in my hometown of Edmon-ton.

I remember making it to the championship game (yes, we had one of those), where we played this team which seemed to be made up of 12 years old. Well, the opposing parents made this experience very unpleasant, and even more excruciating when they beat us. My father (who was the coach) seemed pleased with the team, and with our performance. The opposing coach appeared to be ripping his players....

This memory was brought back to me when I attended a Winter Hawk game against Victoria. Now, I lived in Victoria for ten years and supported the hockey team there for the same period of time. I also knew most of the players in previous years and some that play for them now. I yelled cheered and screamed for Victoria, much to the chagrin of the rest of the fans.

So what happened? Victoria won the game 7-4, much to the joy of me and others who were sitting with me. Yet, I had napkins, paper and other items thrown in my general direction. Not only did this occur, but a few fans sitting down the way from me started yelling obscenities at the players on the bench.

Is it really necessary? My parents, who were attending their first hockey game in Portland since 1983, actually felt threatened by those surrounding us.

The players themselves do not seem to hold the same animosity towards each other as the fans do. To them, it is just a game and their occupation. What happens on the ice does not usually carry over after the game. Even football players talk and joke after a game while fans seem to scream every four letter word in the book.

Don't get me wrong, goading the opposition is nothing terrible, but there is a fine line that should not be crossed, such as calling Victoria players (censored) Canadians that should go home etc., while the majority of the Portland players are Canadians themselves. Throwing objects at other fans or players is out of line, but the referees are fair game (ha, ha).

Portland hockey fans should learn to respect the sport and players that they are being entertained by. I'm glad to say that this doesn't happen here at Clackamas during sporting events. So, what happens when spectators make the transition to professional functions?

The world series ended, but at Clackamas...

Baseball season... already?

By Heatherle Himes
Staff Writer

Clackamas' Head Baseball Coach Robin Robinson and his assistant Doug Duvall spent the last six months recruiting high school kids like a pair of men possessed by a dream. Their driving force: the idea of making the 1990-91 CCC baseball program stronger than any unit in the school's history.

As a result of their labor, they are now the proud generals of a squad that is expected to have great depth, strong pitching, and consistent hitting.

"Coach Duvall and I were out recruiting most of the spring and all summer long," stated Robinson. "We didn't recruit anybody from out of state. Most of them are from the Portland metro area. The counseling department says that we have 25 guys more than they've ever had on fall baseball.

That was good news to us."

Among the team's new players is a group of young pitchers that Robinson is delighted to have. At the head of the pack is freshman right hander J.R. Lesch, a 6'5", 185 pound graduate of Rex Putnam High School.

"He throws hard," said Robinson. "He's been working on locating the ball, and his breaking pitches. He looks to be one of our better pitchers.

"There's a number of other pitchers," added Robinson, "five or six others, that are throwing the same. That's very good in our evaluation."

They include Scott Timms of Riverside High (near Hermaston), Gabe Harris of Burns HS, Mike Molony of Benson, returning player Don Nelson, and the 21-year-old south paw Mike Danovich.

On the field expect to see first baseman Cody Nelson of Lakemidge

and at second base Rob Ristad, whom Robinson calls "excellent," and Fred Fell from the A State Champion Grant Union team. Short stop will be covered by Eric Nielsen (Gresham) and Brandon Bittner (Lake Oswego). On third base will be Bend's Jim Robertson. Catchers include Ben Nichols (Aloha), Roger Carney (Tigard), Mike Borgan (Oregon City), and Tim Straw of Sherwood.

The eight returning players include third baseman John Bennett, utility infielder Gage Campbell, and at first base Ken Hosteller. Tim Ensley will play in the outfield.

"I think we're going to be strong," said Robinson. "We've got a lot of good players and a little bit above average team speed.

"We're hitting the ball pretty well right now," he continued. "Fall ball is just evaluation time with a little instruction. We're trying to

put some guys in different situations to see where they belong in the batting order, and what combinations of players work well together, and their understanding of baseball knowledge. We're going to be mainly a freshman team with a few sophomores."

Robinson also sees Coach Duvall as a major asset to the team.

"I'm real pleased to have him here as an assistant," Robinson said. "He's doing a great job. His baseball knowledge and rapport with the kids is great. It's like having a second head coach."

Of the four scrimmages allowed to fall programs, CCC has played Chemeteka, Concordia and George Fox. Because rules prevent teams from keeping score books or records, precise scores were not obtainable.

Sports Calendar

Calling all pool sharks! This might be your last chance to participate in a pool tournament in the current game room, which will be held on Nov. 3, starting a 9 a.m. in the CC Game room. There is a \$1 entry fee, to be collected the day of the event, and rules will be announced at the tournament. Their will be a men's and

women's division, and the winner of each will win fabulous prizes. So if you want to participate, just show up at the game room on Nov. 3. **Are you a Van Damme fan?** United Asian Arts Association is holding a Karate Open here at Randall Hall on Oct. 27-28. If you want to participate in any of the events, call 284-5161.

Cougars are playoff bound....

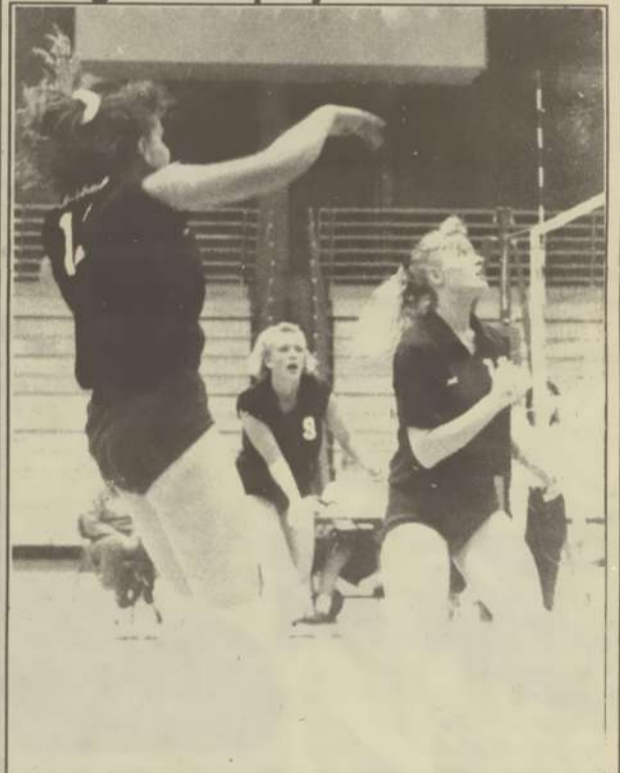


Photo by Eric Sanders

The Cougar ladies had a successful weekend, winning all three of their matches. They beat PCC 15-7, 15-6, 15-4, then Lane CC 15-5, 15-11, 15-11, and the big match against Chemeteka 15-10, 15-6, 14-16, 15-10. Their league record now stands at 6-4. The Cougars go to Mt. Hood CC @ 7 pm.

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