

Can the team win it all?

Cougar volleyball nears end; playoffs to begin



Photo by Eric Sanders

The Cougar volleyball team hopes to win one of their next two games, in order for them to make the playoffs. The Cougar's next game is Friday against Southwestern Oregon at 7 p.m.

by Brenda Hodgson
Sports Writer

The game of volleyball is on hold this evening for the Clackamas volleyball team. No match is set for tonight, but this weekend they face their last two league matches against Southwestern Oregon Community College, Friday and Umpqua Community College, Saturday before the playoffs on Monday.

Last week, the ladies came clean with a victory over Linn-Benton in three games straight 15-10, 15-5, 15-5. Their win brought the league record to 7-5. Sophomore Tara White led the team once again with 16 kills, Freshman setter Jenny Gay came through with 33 assists after spraining her ankle in pre-game warm-up, and Freshman Debbie Asboe was in with 6 blocks.

The team played Wednesday without the support of their captain, Tisha Chevron. Chevron was involved in a car accident Tuesday afternoon with another teammate, Julie Braman. Braman came out

uninjured and played in Wednesday's match, but Chevron suffered some minor head injuries and had been shaken up from the incident.

These injuries caused Coach Kathie Woods to decide against traveling to Salem over the weekend for the Chemeketa Cross-Over.

"I figured with all that had happened it would probably be best if we didn't go to the tourney and instead take a vacation," explained Woods. "Last week, I think we were real fortunate to come out as well as we did against Linn-Benton. Jenny toughed it out on that sprained ankle, and it's a good thing because without Tisha we wouldn't really have had any other setters. Also, after her accident Julie scored three aces.

"This weekend we have to win at least one of our games," Woods continued. "Both teams beat us before. SWOCC has only had two defeats and both were to Mt. Hood so they're going to be tough. We just need to do our best with them first and then move on to Umpqua."

Wrestling season underway as Clackamas holds Takedown tourney

By Heatherle Himes
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The 1990-91 wrestling season began with a resounding thump Saturday, Nov. 3, as the Cougars hosted the Eighth Annual CCC Takedown Tournament.

A total of approximately 285 grapplers competed in elemen-

tary, junior and open divisions. Colleges represented at the event were Southern Oregon Community College, Western Oregon Community College, Lower Columbia Community College, and Oregon State University, with independent wrestlers from Portland State University and alumni

from various universities.

The tournament was double elimination with a true first place, and only takedowns counted as points. Five takedowns constituted a pin. Tournament staff consisted only of volunteers.

"It was an unusual type of tournament since the tournament was held before the starting date (of the official season) we had to keep it as a takedown tournament and we couldn't hire officials," said CCC Head Wrestling Coach Jim Jackson. "We would like to thank all the people who did help because we couldn't have had the thing without them."

Matt Lindland, a returning grappler originally from Gladstone High School, placed second at 158 pounds after losing his final match to Trent Flack of OSU 2-1.

"At least I know now that I have to beat Flack at the (Oregon Wrestling) Classic," said Lindland. "I knew that anyway, but it also helped to find out where I'm at as far as the season. It's a good starting point and it helped me find out where I need to go."

Also making showings at the tourney were third place Cory

Nevis (126), fourth place John Mehas (126) and Craig Morris (134), and fifth place Chad Westover (142). Jason Baurer and Steve Teeny tied for fifth at 177, the weight class with the most entrants.

Jackson said that the team as a whole benefitted in several ways from participating in the tournament.

"We got a chance to go against OSU, which we normally wouldn't do," he said. "Anytime we can do that we will get better. It gave us a chance to see where we are physically." He added that it was also a main fund raiser for the team.

"It gets us in the mood for wrestling," Jackson continued. "It's a hard transition to come from high school to college wrestling for many of the freshmen because their bodies are still saying to them it's football season."

The Cougars will be wrestling in seven more tournaments over the season, including the Clackamas Invitational on Jan. 26. They are slated for a rough series of duals against regional teams. To prepare for such a schedule, the

team will be having matches against other community colleges, and will try to get as many men to practice as possible. Nov. 16 the team will face Yakima Valley Community College and a team to be announced later.

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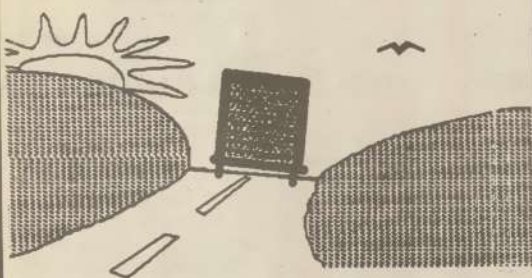
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Upcoming events:

- Nov. 9 Cougar Volleyball vs. Southwestern @ HOME
- Nov. 10 Cougar Volleyball vs. Umpqua @ HOME
- Nov. 16-17 Cougar Wrestling/Double Dual @ Yakima
- Nov. 23 Women's Basketball vs. Grays Harbour @ HOME
- Nov. 24 Women's Basketball vs. Walla Walla @ HOME

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