

Two more home games remaining

CCC volleyball, 4-4 with 4 games left

by Jimmy Criswell
Staff Writer

Tomorrow at noon the Clackamas Cougars will face possibly their toughest challenge yet as they go up against the number one rated team in the league, Mt. Hood CC, who have only lost one league game all year.

Head Coach Kathie Woods is encouraging everyone on campus to try to come watch the Cougars play. "I challenge the faculty, staff, and students to make it to the game." Woods hopes the early game time and free admission will bring a large crowd.

Although they are now 4-4 and sitting in fourth place, the team is beginning to peak and to showcase talent that earlier in the year wasn't as obvious. "We have a good team effort going on here with this team," Woods said. "We're eliminating errors and becoming more aggressive, especially on defense."

Last Wednesday, Clackamas pulled their record up to .500 with a strong victory against Portland CC. The Cougars lost only one game in the match, with the scores falling 15-3, 15-7, 6-15 and 15-11.

The numbers were amazing as Julie Braman had 10 kills, Staci Quimby had 10 assists, Amy Hines had 15 digs, and Jill Wilson picked up 2 strong service aces. This victory, and the one they picked up the day before against the Multnomah School of Bible, were necessary after the previous loss in league



The Clackamas volleyball team urges all students and faculty to attend tomrrow night's game against Mt. Hood CC

against Chemeketa.

Last Friday and Saturday, CCC competed in the Mt. Hood Classic Tourney, and finished fifth out of twelve teams. Their record for the tournament was 2-4. Two Clackamas players, Braman and Jennifer McKenzie, made the all-tournament team, which consisted of 12 players from the 12 teams.

Clackamas hosted Treasure Valley CC at home in a non-league game last night. Scores for the game were unavailable at press time.

After tomorrow's all important match up against Mt. Hood, the Cougars play at home for the last time, hosting the Clackamas Crossover Tourney. It will be this Saturday and Sunday and will include the teams from PCC, Highline, Walla Walla, Big Bend, Chemeketa, Everett, and Centralia.

Clackamas plays its last three games on the road. They will head to Linn-Benton next Wednesday, Southwestern Oregon CC the following Friday, and will finish off the season at Umpqua Saturday.

Southern Region Championships ...

CCC runners capture first overall

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Kevin Buse and Tara Loiodici each fought off injuries to win individual honors and lead their teams to first place finishes in the N.W.A.A.C.C. Southern Region Cross-Country Championships in Eugene last weekend.

Buse, who 24 hours earlier needed x-rays to determine if he had a broken foot, finished first with a time of 27:31 in the eight kilometer men's race.

"It was a really solid effort by Kevin, he broke early and just kept going," said Coach Mike Hodges.

Tony Davis was second in 27:31, Billy Borkus was third in 28:03, Bobby Jennings fifth in 28:11, Oscar Bauman sixth in 28:13, Wilfredo Elenes seventh in 28:24 and Nathan Matlock eighth in 28:29. Four other runners were in the top 14.

Buse's first-place finish was the 6th straight men's first at the Southern Region Championships for CCC. The overall first was the 3rd straight and 5th victory in 6 years. The composite score of 17, tying a school record for lowest score at this meet, easily beat Mt. Hood, who finished second with a score of 50. Lower Columbia was third at 80, and Blue Mountain was fourth with a score of 103.

Loiodici, fighting knee problems, finished first with a time of 20:45 for the five kilometer course. Loiodici was followed by Roni Del Sol at 20:50 and Stephanie Rosen, who completed a sweep of the top three spots with a time of 20:54.

Loiodici, Del Sol, and Rosen also had to rebound from a wrong turn which took them from the lead to being about 30 seconds behind.

"It showed a lot of character to rebound from that," said Hodges. "They would have won by 30 seconds more."

Rosen also had to contend with a cold, which forced her to miss two or three days practice last week. Sonia Schmuland finished sixth with a time of 21:45; Tanya Rayley, running her first race, was eighth in 22:15 and Wendi Smith finished ninth in a time of 22:20.

The final score for the women's meet was 20-68 over Lower Columbia, giving the women their 4th straight victory at the Southern Division championship meet. The total score for both men's and women's teams was 37-148 over Lower Columbia.

"It was just total dominance by both teams," said Hodges, who took men's coach-of-the-year award and shared honors for his coaching of the women's team. "To tell the truth, we weren't really too sharp, we probably could have done better," Hodges said.

The team now prepares for the N.W.A.A.C.C. Championships, Saturday, Nov. 9 in Spokane.

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