

# Wrestlers battle hard against strong foes

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The Cougar wrestling team ran into some stiff competition over the past few weeks.

The team had a 1-1 record in dual meets and placed no higher than fifth in the two tournaments they competed in.

At the Oregon Classic, held Dec. 28 in Corvallis, the Cougars were matched against OSU, U of O, and Stanford along with other four-year schools and junior colleges.

"The team wrestled well and hard," commented Coach Jim Jackson, "We unfortunately drew tough opponents in the early rounds."

David Grieve finished fifth in his weight class while Kelly Reichner and Damin Schultz finished sixth in their weight classes.

"Reichner wrestled exceptionally well and I was pleased with the performance of all the wrestlers," said Jackson.

The Cougars next had a dual meet in Longview, WA, against Lower Columbia.

The Cougars took this meet, 36-21, against a team that was hurt by ineligibilities.

Brian Kiley and Grieve won their matches, while Greg Benner was up against last year's Junior National Champion. Benner was wrestling one class higher, but was unable to pull out the decision.

Jan. 10 the Cougars took part in a dual meet against Ricks Col-



Photo by David VanKeuren

**A Clackamas wrestler lifts his opponent during a practice session. They next compete this Friday at home.**

lege of Idaho. Ricks' wrestling team is ranked eleventh in the nation among junior colleges.

"Ricks put the hammer to us in this competition," said Jackson, "I will be surprised if they aren't in the top three when the dust settles."

Blake Tompkins wrestled to a draw, while Grieve won by decision.

Last Saturday, the Cougars participated in the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational in Tacoma, WA.

"We didn't place high, but we wrestled well as individuals," said Jackson.

Travis Bonneau and Kiley placed fifth in their weight classes and Reichner placed sixth.

This Friday, Clackamas will be hosting a double-dual meet at 6 p.m. in Randall Gym against North Idaho, and Pacific Lutheran.

This Saturday, the Clackamas Open will be held in Randall Gym.

# Nine freshmen and 1 sophomore lead Men's B-ball to 12 - 4 record

By Greg Tully  
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The CCC men's team is 12-4, 1-1 within their conference, with an almost entirely freshman lineup.

The team, made up of nine freshmen and only one sophomore, has had an up-and-down start, but Coach Royce Kiser is confident that the team will get better with experience.

"For the most part, we've played pretty good ball, but on rare occasions, we play really bad," Kiser said. "But that's going to happen with a young team."

"The record is pretty good, but what happens with a young team is they'll play really good and then let up a little for two or three minutes and let the other teams score a flurry of points. In these sports, you'll see a lot of turnovers and poor shot selection; we have to get consistently tougher."

The team displayed its up-and-down nature with a loss by 18 to Lower Columbia early in the year, and then a victory by 14 over the same team after the Christmas break. The team followed up that win with a 124-82 loss to Portland CC.

"I thought we'd really improved," Kiser said. "But that game against PCC was one of the worst I have ever had at Clackamas, it was just horrendous."

The team, however, rebounded Saturday with a 96-77 win over

Linn-Benton. Sophomore Glen Kiser, no relation to the coach, led the team with 29 points and 11 rebounds.

"Glen Kiser just played an outstanding game. Offense, defense, rebounding, his whole game was great," said Coach Kiser.

Jeff Lauritzen contributed 18 points and 9 rebounds. Daniel Conover had 17 points and 8 assists, and Jake Petersen had 13 rebounds.

According to the coach, Glen Kiser has been the best all-around player, with Conover's offense, Brent Goodman's defense and Lauritzen's rebounding and defense being big factors as well. Coach Kiser also credits Jon Dahlin for his hard play and Jake Petersen and Brian Peterson for their consistent play.

With the abundance of freshmen, the team could be a powerhouse next year.

"We're still looking to win the conference this year; we always contend," Coach Kiser said. "Then, we want to get all the freshmen back. They're a great group to coach."

The team will have to contend with Chemeketa, winners of 49 straight, if they hope to win the conference.

Clackamas will play at Mt. Hood Wednesday and at Lane on Saturday.

# 'Best 4-8 team' in Women's B-ball survived tough road test in preseason contests

by Scott Morris  
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After a long, hard preseason on the road the 4-8 Lady Cougars feel they are ready to start the regular season. "We are definitely the best 4-8 team in basketball right now," said Coach Kim Spaulding.

One of the main reasons the Lady Cougars have a 4-8 record is because of the number of games they have had to play on the road. As of Jan. 8, CCC's women's basketball team has played 12 games with only one, a tough 72-67 loss to Lower Columbia Community College, being a home game.

"I feel sorry for my girls because they were on the road so much in the preseason," Spaulding said. "We had to travel a lot be-

cause it's my first year as coach. Next year those teams will come and play us. Because it's my first year, I had to send those girls out on the road."

Even with a 4-8 record the preseason has not been without its bright spots, including a second place finish in the She Devil Tournament in Longview, WA, Dec 28-30.

The Lady Cougars got a 24-point 13-rebound performance from 5'10" freshman Jenny Topham and 32 points from 5'6" sophomore Launa Meck to beat Olympic CC in the first game of the tournament.

The Lady Cougars received a solid performance from both Kathie Muck, a 5'11" sophomore, and Topham in the second game of the

tournament when they beat Chemeketa, the team that was predicted to win the tournament, 64-56. Muck finished the game in double figures in scoring with 16 and rebounding with 10, Topham finished with 14 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists.

In the championship game against LCCC, the Lady Cougars fought to a 58-68 finish to end the tournament in second place.

In a league that will feature both big and quick teams this year, league play should prove to be a good test for the Lady Cougars. "We have to come out ready to

match up with the other team," said Spaulding. "And I think we have the athletes to do it."

"I'm glad to have five strong sophomores coming back. The team has a good core group of players," according to Spaulding.

Two of the core players Spaulding will rely on most will be 5'6" sophomore point guard Kristin Lyons who, according to Spaulding, "has shown excellent leadership and defense" and is averaging 3.5 assists a game. Also look for big games out of Meck, who has been averaging 18.3 points a game

in the preseason while shooting 43 percent from the field.

The Lady Cougars also have an excellent freshman class who should be able to come in and contribute right away. Leading the freshman class is Topham, who is shooting 42 percent from the field and averaging 13.8 points and 9.4 rebounds a game. Another freshman to keep your eye on is 5'5" guard Cheryl Galloway, who is third in the league in 3-point percentage at 45 percent and is currently shooting 88 percent from the free throw line, making 22 of 25.

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