

Lady Cougars still vying for playoffs



photo by Anjanette Booth

This Friday and Saturday, the CCC women's volleyball team will face Umpqua and Southwestern Community Colleges.

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With hopes and aspirations to reach their ultimate goal, winning the NWAACC championships, the CCC women's volleyball team continues to work hard in preparation for their final matches.

Last Wednesday night, the Lady Cougars allowed the Linn-Benton Roadrunners to win in three quick games.

CCC's middle, Carla Nofziger, comments, "Linn-Benton played their best game of the year. We just weren't ready for them to come on so strong. They really had it together."

Head Coach Kathie Woods adds, "They blocked our balls and put down theirs. They ran a quick offense and didn't even

give us time to think about it."

Since the Lady Cougars have passed the half-way mark of the season, certain team members have displayed their consistency of the game.

Sophomore Jill Wilson, an outside hitter, holds the highest kill percentage without errors, while freshman Keri Gunderson has the most over-all kills.

Gunderson, who is also a key defensive player, leads the team in digs with a total of 137 out of 21 games.

Sophomore setter Jennifer McKenzie holds a 137 assist average, while sophomore middle Daphne Hartt and Gunderson lead the Lady Cougars in serving. Both players have a total of 9 aces.

Nofziger, who recently recovered from an ankle injury,

proves to be a key blocker with 18 block solos and 11 block assists.

Last weekend, Oct. 23-24, CCC traveled to Mt. Hood Community College for the Mt. Hood Classic. They finished the Classic with a tie for third place.

Also, last week's Player of the Week honor goes to two CCC players. Sophomores Kristi Burk and Daphne Hartt shared the honor for the week of Oct. 19-24.

With two tough games in store this weekend, the Lady Cougars will have to give it their all, or the championships will not be a possibility.

This Friday and Saturday nights, CCC travels to Umpqua and Southwestern Oregon Community Colleges.

Clackamas runners sweep southern titles

by Paul Valencia
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The Clackamas Cougars swept all three events to prove once again that they are the best cross country team in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Southern Division, Saturday.

The women's squad earned their fifth straight Southern Division championship, while the men took the title for the fourth consecutive year. The championship, held in Roseburg, was also the fourth time in as many years that the combined team trophy went to the Cougars.

The women won without their number-one runner. Jessie Richter started the race but had to pull out due to a leg injury. Leah Guilford, in a time of 20 minutes, 19 seconds, and Team Captain Dianna Polack, with a time of 20:21, finished second and third overall on the 5-kilometer course to lead the Cougars to 23 points.

Clark finished second with 62 points, while Umpqua and Mt. Hood tied for third with 67 points.

Three other Cougars, Jenny Campbell, Lynda Cornwall and Elizabeth Ribbeck finished fifth.

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sixth and seventh, respectively, to lock up the 23 points.

"The rest of the girls knew that there was a possibility that Jessie wouldn't finish," said Head Coach Mike Hodges. "They knew they had to group tight and make up the difference. Five in the top seven gets it done."

Hodges noted the effort of Ribbeck, who normally doesn't run in the team's top five runners. But with Richter pulling out with the injury, she had to push a little harder. As the number five runner, "she had to close the back door and she certainly did," Hodges said.

The men were led by Mike Hickey, who blew away his competition by 25 seconds to come in first place with a 26:25 time on the 8-kilometer course.

Aaron Taylor, Brian Buckingham, Oscar Bauman and Jason Mottaz finished fourth through seventh to complete the scoring for the Cougars who, like the women, finished with 23 points. Clark finished second with 35, while Umpqua was a distant third with 74 points.

"Clark has a good team and we knew we had to run well to beat them," Hodges explained.

"It was certainly a fine race for us. We really had a good group. Fourth through eighth (place). It was quite a pack."

As for Hickey, it was probably his best race of the year, Hodges said. "He pretty much buried the field. He had a good time on a slow course. He dominated."

The men's squad dedicated the championship to teammate Wilfredo Elenes, who couldn't make the trip due to an unknown illness. The team then found out that Elenes had his appendix removed Sunday. It was the second Cougar to go down this season due to an appendix. Kevin Bartholomae missed the season as well.

"Fortunately with the depth we've got, it didn't effect us," Hodges said.

Both Cougar squads combined for 46 points to outdis-

ance Clark, with 97, for the combined championship.

Hodges received coach-of-the-year honors for men's cross country, and shared the honor in the women's division with a former assistant coach, Mt. Hood's Mike Berryman. It was the seventh year Hodges has earned the honor.

Next for the Cougars is the NWAACC Championships. No long bus trips this time, though. The Cougars will be hosting the meet Nov. 7.

This week, the team will work hard but taper off and emphasize rest next week, Hodges said.

The goal for the Cougars is to defend their titles. They will be going for their fourth consecutive combined title. The women will be looking for their third straight, which will tie the NWAACC record. Not to be outdone, the men will be searching for two in a row.

Sports View

Wake up Oregon, hoops season is here

by Paul Valencia
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Baseball is a fine sport ... especially when it's over. In Portland, where the true American sport is played indoors at the Glass Palace, basketball season has started.

Sure, this week the Blazer-wanna-be's are mopping up wins against other NBA-wanna-be's, namely the entire Denver Nuggets' organization. But in less than two weeks, the real Blazers will be starting their quest for a world title.

For baseball fans, spring brings optimism. Anything can happen. Heck, if the Braves can win two pennants in a row, every team has a chance. For Blazer-maniacs, fall brings out that optimism.

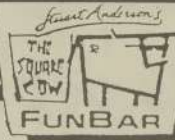
Last year's disappointing ending to an otherwise wonderful season represents the past. The Blazers do have a lot of

new faces, but the nucleus of the team that has won two conference titles in the past three years is still with us. There are no indications that Portland fans shouldn't feel the team has an excellent chance of playing in June for another title.

It will be strange at first to be cheering for Rod Strickland, but after a few games he should prove his worth to the team.

This year's team is capable of 65 wins. The playoffs seem so far away, but it will be worth the wait. Our dreams of celebrating down Broadway will not be broken.

Yes, I love the fall. It's so full of optimism. If I were a big-time gambler (if I were Michael Jordan), I'd take Portland.



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