

Cougars shine with 14-1 overall record

by Jason Eck
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The Clackamas men's basketball team is in mid-season form, defeating opponents with solid team play.

In most recent action, the men defeated Portland Community College 92-83.

"We played a good game," Head Coach Royce Kiser said. "We did the things down the stretch that showed we were a clutch team."

With a record of 14 wins and a single loss, the men's team exemplifies the true meaning of the word team, Kiser said. That means when a particular player is having an off game, other players step up and make key contributions, he said. And that's happening to the Cougars this season.

"Guys don't care about

(their) stats," Jake Petersen added.

After 14 games the men are led in scoring by Jon Dahlin who is averaging 18.1 points per game. Following Dahlin in a balanced attack are Dan Conover, 16.2; Brian Peterson, 14.6; Kyle Dixon, 12.6; and Tyrone Miles, 12.1.

The top rebounder after 14 games are Petersen who is grabbing 7.1 rebounds per game. Other top rebounders are Miles, 6.3; Dahlin, 4.9; Peterson, 4.6; and Wheeler, 4.1.

At the center of the Cougars' game is defense. Kiser said that this is the area that the men can continue to improve in. Defense is being stressed in practices, according to Kiser.

"We practice too hard not to get better," Conover concluded about the team's future.

Sports Briefs

For all you basketball lovers, intramural basketball is back. Fri., Jan. 15 is the last day to register your team. Sign up sheets are in lower level Randall Hall.

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Wrestlers prepare for regionals

by Frank Jordan
Staff Writer

The Clackamas wrestling team got through the Christmas break a little beat up, but are gearing up for the mid-season push on the road to the regionals.

The Cougars competed at the Oregon Wrestling Classic on the campus of Oregon State University Dec. 30. Due to the high caliber of competition, Clackamas wrestlers did not fare very well against competitors from established NCAA Division I schools such as Wyoming, Stanford, Oregon State and the University of Oregon, as well as other four-year and community college programs.

"It was just the case of our community college wrestlers, who are freshman and sophomores competing against fourth and fifth-year seniors from the Division I schools," Head Coach Jim Jackson commented. "For us, it all came down to our lack of experience wrestling against people from that level."

Nathan Sullivan defeated three opponents and suffered only one setback to capture third place

in the Classic at heavyweight. Carl Hensley, who had transferred from Lower Columbia Community College, had two wins in capturing fifth place at 177 lbs. and Jason Bauerer defeated a Central Washington University wrestler in his first match, but suffered an injury in his second match and was unable to continue.

The Cougars wrestled Highline Community College Friday and the number three-ranked Ricks College of Rexburg, Idaho, in a triangular match at Highline.

In the dual against Highline, which CCC lost 33-12, bright spots included Adam Reese, who won by a fall at 190 lbs.; Doug Maddux, who won a close match at 158 lbs; and Sullivan, who also won a close match at heavyweight.

In the dual against Ricks College, the only two Cougars to win matches were Blake Tompkins at 134 lbs. and Travis Bonneau at 167 lbs.

The next day, CCC wrestled at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational in Tacoma, Wash. Tompkins won the tournament championship at 134

lbs., while Hensley took third place at 177 lbs. Jackson was pleased at the results afterwards. "We wrestled tough. We are still getting our guys into condition for the stretch run toward the end of the year," he said.

"I absolutely hate Christmas break, as far as wrestling goes," Jackson said. "It lengthens our season, and as far as the guys are concerned, we tend to not have too much control over them."

"We had some good practices, at least what we could get in, but we didn't want the guys to risk the weather to get to practice," Jackson continued. "At the present, we are just trying to build our conditioning and make the push toward regionals."

Friday, the Cougars will host a triangular meet against national junior college wrestling power North Idaho College and Pacific Lutheran University. The action gets underway in the Randall Hall gym at 6 p.m. Saturday, the annual CCC Open Wrestling Tournament begins at 9 a.m. in the Randall Hall gym.

Lady Cougars start season with 83-30 victory over PCC

by Melissa Baughman
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The women's basketball team started league action Jan. 6 with an impressive win against Portland Community College 86-30.

The victory not only gave the Cougars a 1-0 record in league play, but also bumped their overall record to 6-8.

In the PCC match-up, the Cougars posted some

exceptional stats. Kristie Preiskorn led the way with 20 points. She hit 9 of 13 from the field and gathered nine rebounds. Shawna McComb also scored 20 and pulled down 11 boards while Jenny Topham was busy scoring 13 points and collecting a team high 12 rebounds. Tereasa Brown hit for 10 points and Janell Temple dished out a team high seven assists.

Coach Kim Spaulding

was glad to see her team start off league play with a win.

"I was pleased with the way they played," Spaulding said.

The Cougars were missing Jill Warrington and Sheri Wehling for the PCC game and only suited up seven players, but the team still felt confident going up against the weaker Portland team.

"We went in pretty confident," Spaulding explained.

"It's kind of hard to play great against a team that is not great. We played all right."

The Cougars were scheduled to travel to Linn Benton Community College Jan. 9., but the game was canceled due to black ice. It is not known at this time when the game will be made up.

The Cougars will take to their home court tonight when they meet Mt. Hood C.C.

They will travel to Lane Community College Saturday. Both games start at 6 p.m.

Spaulding is looking forward to the rest of the league games.

"We are losing some close games. It's a matter of getting people healthy and eligible," Spaulding said. "I feel good about going into the rest of league. We've got some winning to do."

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