

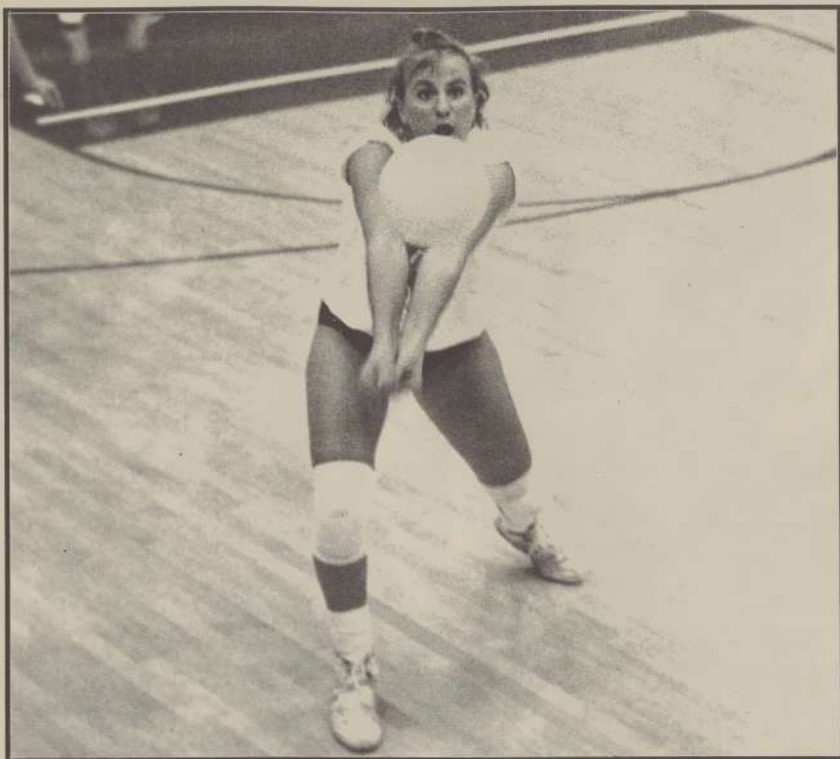


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Lady Cougar Pam Kuschnik concentrates on the ball. Clackamas had a strong performance at the Halloween Classic last weekend at Mt. Hood College.

Veteran Cougars victorious in last home game

by Mike Bradley
Staff Writer

It was a "special night," according to Kathie Woods, head coach of the Cougar volleyball team, while recalling the team's last home game, a victory over Multnomah School of the Bible, Oct. 26.

Woods started all of the team's veterans at their final appearance on the Cougar floor. They were: Jennifer Potter, Alyson Kingsley and Nicole LaMarche.

"It was a great honor to be able to start all our sopho-

mores in our last home game," Woods said.

Clackamas complemented their victory on Tuesday with a strong performance at the Mt. Hood Invitational Halloween Classic last week. The team lost their first match to Centralia, but came back to defeat Tacoma and Clark.

The Cougars placed third in their pool which won them a trophy and the title of Consolation of the Contender Bracket. They weren't the grand champions of the tournament, but Woods said it "was the best tournament we've played all year."

The team was filled with outstanding individual performances. Misty Makin and "her errorless hitting" was a key to the Cougars' success, Woods said. Makin, teaming up with Karissa Skaraberg, created an impassable defense. Both were named Co-Players of the Week. Woods was also pleased with play from Becky Bergerson.

The team travels to Salem today to play Chemeketa Community College. Then, it's on to Seattle Friday and Saturday to compete in the Shoreline Tournament.

Inexpensive tuition creates high turn-outs, big player cuts

by Jason Hunter
Staff Writer

Many students here at Clackamas Community College find that sports at a junior college are a good alternative to expensive universities. But in some sports, the chances are they will not make the team.

In two of the six programs that were interviewed at Clackamas (baseball, men's basketball, men's and women's track and cross country) the numbers of those who make the cuts, compared to the number of those who try out, seemed low.

When baseball tryouts started, there were 86 people sitting in the bleachers while Head Coach Robin Robinson gave his opening speech. Since then, about 30 of the original players have retired because they realized that they were not going to make the team.

Robinson is going to let 64 people go. To increase the chances of getting cut, there are 11

for the basketball team and he keeps 12. He also redshirts three or four players, who are just as good as anyone on the team, but are kept to help in the program in the future, he said.

"If they don't make the effort, they won't play for me," Kiser said. A person walking into one of his practices will see the intensity level of his players is high. Kiser agreed with Robinson's theory of the rising numbers of community college athletes -- less expensive.

Kiser also has had the advantage of successful seasons in the past, so high school seniors look here twice. "I'd keep 100 players if I had the money and the space."

Cross country and track are different stories. The only people that get cut are the people that cut themselves, according to Head Coach Mike Hodges. He expects mental discipline and hard work. Hodges said that there are two reasons why student athletes

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**-- Royce Kiser,
Men's Basketball Head Coach**

returning sophomores and the team only holds 22. Robinson said the effort level, and skill level, is higher this year. The reason why there is such a large turnout is because it is easier to afford a two-year school than a four-year school, Robinson explained.

Men's basketball Head Coach Royce Kiser had some views as well. He had 26 players try out

attend community colleges. Besides the money factor, incoming student-athletes have seen former athletes excel and were a good influence to the people in the community.

There will be a lot of disappointed faces after cuts have been made, but there will also be some understanding faces that will be back next year.

New head coach leads Cougar grapplers

■ Three-year assistant coach Mike Haluska replaces Jim Jackson, new athletic director

by Justin Fields
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The Clackamas wrestling team has kicked off what looks to be a promising season with a number of strong competitors and a new, enthusiastic head coach.

Mike Haluska fills the position vacated by Jim Jackson, who recently accepted the position of Athletic Director at Clackamas. Haluska will lead the Cougars on the mats with the experience gained in his three years as assistant to Jackson.

"Even though Coach Haluska is new to the head coaching position this year, he does a great job motivating us," said returning wrestler Travis Roy.

Haluska will have 27 returning wrestlers to help fill the veteran squad. There will be 23 new wrestlers to get the team ready for competition.

"I think most of the freshmen will redshirt," Haluska said. "Usually 20 (wrestlers) that turn out in the beginning are going to be gone, but this year, we have 50 wrestlers that are potential All-Americans."

Time out...

The college is hosting its 10th Annual Takedown Tournament on Saturday beginning at noon in the Randall Hall Gymnasium and continues until completion of all weight classes.

Entry fee is \$5 per person. For more information, call Mike Haluska or Jim Jackson at 657-6958 ext. 2295.

This year's top grapplers in their weight divisions, according to Haluska, are: 118- Dan Punzell, 126- Jake Whisenhunt, 134- Josh Whisenhunt, 142- Aaron Burdick, 150- Chad Mitchell/Bill Jones, 158- Darrek Puckett/Sam Federico, 167- Scott Villastrigo/Jeff Vowell, 177- Adam Reese, 190- Travis Roy/Jason Marshall, 275- Nate Sullivan. Blake



photo by Kate Gibbon

Clackamas wrestlers Trent Standing and Donnie Boyum prepare for a season that will include seven tournaments.

Tompkins, a two-time All-American is also practicing with the team this year.

The Cougars open their season Nov. 17 against Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. They will have five more meets, two dual meets, two triangular meets, and three quadrangular meets. In addition there will be seven tournaments that Clackamas

will attend before the Region 18 and N.J.C.A.A. Championship meets in February.

"I know our team is stacked with quality wrestlers in each weight class, and we have the potential to become national champs," said heavyweight Nate Sullivan.

(Kate Gibbons and Staci Smith contributed to this story.)

Intramural touch football kicks off new season

by Jason Eck
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The Intramural Sports season is underway with five-player touch football action Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 1:30.

There are five teams participating this year. They include: Go in' Deep, Tasmanian Devils, Ruthless is Reality, Dawgs and Funkadelles.

The game that is played is quite different than typical football. The difference is that this game is high action, low-impact football. The high action part of the game is that multiple passes may be made during a single play, all players are eligible receivers and there are no punts, field goals or first downs. Instead of tackling, a one-hand touch above the knee stops a play.

The low-impact part of the game is that incomplete passes and fumbles are dead balls. There is also no blocking.

"It is more of a finesse game," said Community Recreation/Intramural Director Wayne Logemann.