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Volleyball team successful at tournament over weekend

by Kate Gibbons
Staff Writer

The Cougars' volleyball team had a busy week in their competition schedule. Clackamas traveled to Salem to take on a tough Chemeketa Community College team, Nov. 3.

Despite strong serving from Ali Rumrey and solid defensive play from Nicole LaMarche, the Cougars fell to Chemeketa in four sets, losing the first two 8-15 and 7-15. The team turned around to win the third 15-6, but took a beating in the fourth, losing 0-15.

"In the fourth game, we were just too happy with the third game, and just kind of let up," said Head Coach Kathy Woods.

Team spirits were not damped, however, as the Cougars traveled to Seattle on Friday to compete in the Shoreline Community College Crossover Tournament. The group banded together to bump, set, and spike their way to first place in their pool, defeating

Lady Cougar Alicia Rumrey sets the ball for teammates to make a kill.

three strong teams in the process.

Bellevue Community College was the first to fall to Clackamas with a score of 15-5 and 15-12. Olympic Community College was next to taste the wrath of the Cougars, losing 15-3, 15-8.

Clackamas slid by Centralia 15-4 and 15-9, but lost a heartbreaker to Shoreline in three games. The Cougar team fell 9-15, 15-9 and 16-18.

Despite the loss, Clackamas went on to the championship bracket where they fought Big Bend for the right to play in the

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championship game. The Cougars started the game strong winning the first set 15-4, but fell in the second and third sets 13-15, 9-15.

The Clackamas team was now in a race for third place. The game placed them on the court with Centralia Community College. The Cougars fell in the first set 14-16, but fought back to take

the second set 17-15. A fiery team controlled the net in the third set, and Centralia fell, 15-6, giving Clackamas the third-place title.

"We had set our goals to play in the championship game," Wood said. "The only thing that held us back was the loss to Big Bend, but I am happy with the way we fought back for that third place. To come back and win that game proved the character this team had. Overall, I was pleased with the weekend."

Tournament all-star Jennifer Potter "played consistent ball" Woods said, and was backed by "steady play from Becky Bergerson." Potter was also named Clackamas player of the week.

"Karrisa Skarberg shows continuous improvement," Woods said. Skarberg was named NWAACC Defensive Player of the Week in the Southern Region for the week of November 1.

The Cougars play their last game today against Portland Community College at the Rock Creek Campus. The game will start at 7 pm. The team's awards banquet will be held Nov. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gregory Forum.

Blazers bound to lose

by Jeff Kemp
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The cards have been shuffled and dealt, and the Portland Trail Blazers obviously feel they're holding a good hand going into the 1993-94 basketball season. They're armed with one of the lowest point-scoring starting lineups in the NBA.

Let's face reality Portland. The Blazers are going to lose. Their offense is on the bench. Harvey Grant, Clifford Robinson, Rod Strickland, James "Hollywood" Robinson and Tracy Murray are all watching the starting five play hard defense yet have failed to do anything on the other side of the equator. At times you can see the pain in the faces of the bench players, who know in their hearts they can play better than the team they beat up on regularly in practice.

They are also blessed with a 6'11" free agent with career averages of 4.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Paul Allen's prodigy, Chris Dudley, now in his seventh pro season, will make an outrageous \$11 million over seven years with our mighty Blazers.

In fact, the only good thing the Blazers did right when they signed "Dud", a player who'd do more damage with an M.B.A.

from Yale than he ever will in the NBA, is including a clause in the contract that could make him a free agent by season's end. Let's all kneel and pray that some other team will play Santa Claus next summer and give Mr. Dudley the gift of his life.

Alongside Dudley lies the aging veteran of 13 seasons, Buck Williams. A warrior in his prime, Williams has overstayed his welcome as a starter. His rebounding, defense and leadership can best help the Blazers from the bench.

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The Blazers also need mercy from Jerome Kersey's horrendous shooting from the field. "Mr. Hustle" should be inserted into the line up as a spark plug rather than starting him because they feel like it's the "right thing to do."

Clyde Drexler is coming off one of the worst seasons of his pro career. Now that he is healthy, the Blazers should think about trading him. Drexler's market value is still pretty high, and his name could turn the heads of a lot of younger teams looking for leadership (Or-

lando? Anfernee Hardaway?).

The only constant in the starting five is Terry Porter. While at times inconsistent, Porter is a solid player who can adequately fill the shoes that Drexler should be forced to leave behind.

Clifford Robinson, Grant and Strickland should be in the starting line up. Drexler can easily play the small forward position while Grant and Robinson would be small but quicker at the power forward and center positions. Porter would benefit from the guard switch, which would allow him to worry more about scoring than distributing the ball.

I apologize for sounding like the "trade 'em all and start over, spoiled little Blazer fan", but please. Paul Allen and Rick Adelman must not be watching the same games the rest of us are. Everyone knows there are changes that need to be made. This proposal is the best for what we have to work with. Seattle and Phoenix will both be ahead of us racing for the Western Conference championship banner. I just hope they don't get far enough ahead that I'll have to take a razor blade to the Blazer bumper sticker on my car.

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