

The Pack is back, but watch out for the boys in silver and black

by Nate Clark
Staff Writer

The first round of the 1993 NFL playoffs was a week of defensive battles and offensive surges.

The Kansas City Chiefs were visited by the Barry Foster-less Pittsburgh Steelers and played a great overtime game ending on a Nick Lowery field goal sending the Chiefs on the road to Houston next week. The big question: will Joe Montana be healthy and agile enough to take snaps under center and throw effectively against a defense who is fighting everyone lately, including its own offensive coordinator?

The Vikings and Giants played a defensive battle won by the legs of Rodney Hampton, who had the game of his life. Minnesota's offense was hurt by poor receiving and a strong pass rush by the Giants defensive line. Even with guppy play by Jim McMahon, they couldn't overcome dropped passes and a swarming giants "D."

The Giants travel to San Francisco next week to play the offensive-oriented 49'ers.

The Pack is back. Green Bay defeated the Detroit Lions

and the only question I have is, what is the league's single season reception record holder doing so wide open at the closing minutes of a playoff game? Sterling Sharpe proved, in my opinion, to be the most clutch receiver in the NFL, but for the Pack plan to keep playing, the defense must play up to one of the league's best all-around offensive teams. The Cowboys host Green Bay next week.

Despite the strong play of John Elway, the Broncos still play defense like a great team, I mean a great high school team. The Hoss threw through the Bronco D like it was not even there. The Raider's offense had the best showing all season, but if the defense that played the first half of the Bronco game shows up in Buffalo, expect a long off-season for the silver and black.

On the other hand, if the second-half "D" shows up, the Raiders could spoil the Bills fourth consecutive trip to the big show. Can the Raiders win in the post-season in Buffalo?

More than likely Art Shell will be losing sleep over the 51-3 loss the last time they made the flight in January to Buffalo.

Christmas wrestling tourney pins down successful season ending for CCC



photo by Chad Patterson

Clackamas wrestlers prepare for competition Friday at home when the Cougars will host North Idaho College at 6p.m. and Pacific Lutheran University at 7:30p.m..

by Jesse Sowa
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The Clackamas Wrestling Team and Head Coach Mike Haluska are looking ahead to a successful finish to what has been an up and down season.

The team competed in the Oregon Wrestling Classic in Corvallis over Christmas Break and did good, considering their opponents included such Division I wrestling powers as Minnesota and Oregon State, who are both ranked in the top five in the nation.

"Everyone wrestled really well," Haluska said. Top placers at the Classic for the Cougars were Travis Rollins

(fourth at 118 lbs.) and Nate Sullivan (sixth in heavyweight).

"We didn't have a strong lineup," Haluska said of the team members competing at the Classic. "We had people wrestling up

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-Head Wrestling Coach, Mike Haluska

"weight," which makes it tough sometimes to score points.

The Cougars wrestled in two duals on Friday in Des Moines, Wash., which included the team from Ricks College, which is ranked fourth in the nation among

two-year colleges.

"We should be able to stay with them," Haluska said of Ricks. "We have the ability to beat anyone on their team."

The Cougars attended an open meet at Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma on Saturday which also included four-year schools. The team is looking ahead to a matchup at home this week against top-ranked North Idaho, which will let them see where they are at compared to one of the best teams at this point in the season.

Haluska hopes to guide the team to another trip to Nationals at season's end. "We just keep getting better every match."

Cougar defense forces Panther turnovers in victory over PCC

■ Penetration from point guard Kyle Dixon leads CCC in a 107-74 rout last Wednesday

by Jason Hunter
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In a battle of big cats, the Cougars' men's basketball team defeated the Portland Community College Panthers 107-74 in a league match up Jan. 5.

From the opening jump the Cougars, 10-2, were all over the Panthers. Kyle Dixon once again proved that he is the best point guard in the league with an impressive performance. Dixon capped the first half with a spectacular dunk to give the Cougars a 60-30 halftime lead.

The Panthers found themselves turning the ball over, due to defensive plays by the Cougars. Whenever the Panthers passed the ball, it seemed a Cougar would end up with it some way or another.

The bench proved to be just as effective as the starting line up with players like Matt Stahl coming off the bench to make key plays. The intensity level of the Cougars was just too much for PCC to handle.

Travis Orrick put PCC's hopes down as he connected often from 3-point land. Orrick also had many solid defensive plays. Dixon and Stahl penetrated the Panther defense while Orrick and Joe Bierbraur controlled the perimeter.

"Our defense let down in the second half. We could have had better rebounding," said Head Coach Royce Kiser. The team will work on those things and transition in practice this week. "They are hard working and that is why they are winning," Kiser said.

The attendance level for basketball games has been down this year. Kiser said he would like to see more students supporting this winning team.

Cougar Home Calendar

Wrestling- Fri. 1/14, N. Idaho College/PLU, 6p.m.
Sat. 1/15, CCC Open Tournament, 10a.m.

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