

Bulging bleachers at battle of big cats contains crowd

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When I took my seat on the top row of the bleachers, dust actually rose. I guess that's how long it's been since the bleachers have been packed for a Clackamas women's basketball game.

By the end of the game there wasn't a speck of dust on the bleachers as they were full with fans from both CCC and Portland Community College. This was quite a game as the lead changed hands seven times throughout the game.

The Panthers were hot from the beginning of the game as Kristi Nelson scored six straight points despite a Cougar time out after her fourth point. Nelson would score 15 points before the first half was over.

PCC went on a 11-2 run with Theresa Olsen breaking the Panthers stride with a lay in off a pass from Janell Temple. Temple then worked the Panther defense as she hit from 3-point land on an assist from Olsen. She then stole the ball and drove for a lay in.

PCC called a time out with 8:48 left in the half while they still led 15-13. Annette Harings increased the lead to 17-13 with a 10-foot shot that hit nothing but net. Temple made it a one-point game as she hit from 3-point land again. The Cougars regained the lead for the first time since they led 4-2 when Stephanie Kadell stole the ball and dished it off to Ganine Moses who scored her first points of the game.

With 17 seconds left, the Panthers regained the lead when Laurie Gulick picked up her second personal foul and Jenny Jones converted both free throws to give them the lead 34-32. The Cougar offense then drove down the court and passed the ball around the perimeter. Temple found Stahl underneath with time running out, Stahl found Angie Tucker posting up as well and passed to her. Tucker beat the buzzer to tie the game at 34.

The Cougars scored first in the second half when Preiskorn grabbed the rebound after a missed

Nelson shot, drove the length of the court dished the ball to Olsen, who made it 36-34. Jones hit two free throws to tie it up at 36.

Temple grabbed the rebound off a missed Olsen shot and put it back up for two. This was the last time in the game that CCC would have the lead.

The Cougars would pull within two points with 35.7 seconds left but fouls would pull Moses, Temple, and Preiskorn out of the game. Jenny Jones sealed the victory for PCC by making both free throws after being fouled by Gulick. The final score was PCC 66, CCC 62.

The Cougars record falls to 6-3 and they remain in third place in the Southern Division behind Chemeketa.

"We are a smart team, and we play good together. When someone is having an off day, the focus shifts to work hard on another area," said Head Coach Karen Twain. They will work on rebounding in practice this week.

They have four more games until the regular season is



photo by Jason Hunter

The Lady Cougars now have a league record of 6-3 and are in third-place in the Southern Division.

over. They only have two more home games left as they will face Mt. Hood Community College today and Feb. 16 they will face number-one ranked Chemeketa.

On Feb. 12 they will play Umpqua CC at Roseburg before playing their final game of the season on Feb. 19 against Southwestern CC at Coos Bay.

Men's b-ball prepares for next week's division title game with Mt. Hood CC by capturing two more league victories

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The Clackamas Cougar men's basketball team continued on their season-long roll disposing of Portland CC and Lane CC in home games last week.

Wednesday, Clackamas pounded Portland by the score of 115-93. Clackamas got off to a quick start, pressing the bigger Saints into 10 turnovers and rolling to a 59-39 halftime cushion. CCC shot 50 percent in the opening 20 minutes and held PCC to 35 percent shooting.

The story remained pretty much the same in the second half, although both teams traded hoops throughout the rest of the game. Zach Puent led the Cougar scor-

ing parade with 25 points, followed by Nate Williams with 23, Travis Orrick with 22 and Kyle Dixon helped out with 18. Clackamas continued their torrid shooting from 3-point range, going 16-28 from the arc. Orrick continued his hot outside shooting as of late, hitting all five of his 3-point attempts, while Puent and Williams each hit four 3-pointers.

Jeremy Reinwald led CCC on the glass with 14 rebounds, while Puent grabbed 13, including 6 offensive boards. Dixon added to his point total with a team-high 10 assists, while Puent had 5 steals, and Williams and Orrick had 3 steals apiece.

Julius Lowe led five PCC players in double figures with 24

points, while Ramone Bethune had 19 and Ricky Briggs had 18. Lowe also punished the smaller Cougars on the backboards, grabbing 24 rebounds.

"We played a good, solid game against Portland," said Head Coach Royce Kiser. "We ran them from the start, and we also shot the ball real well. Sixteen of twenty-eight from three-point range is outstanding, even from us. We do put up the shot from there a lot, but we have the players who can flat-out shoot it."

Saturday, the Cougars took on second-place Lane CC and used an outstanding defensive effort to post an 83-56 win. The Cougars led 40-26 at the half-time break, and coasted in for the

27-point victory.

"We played exceptionally," exclaimed Kiser. "We ran them real hard and played outstanding defense. Definitely our best defensive effort of the year, without exception. We also took great care of the ball on offense; we only had seven turnovers."

"They tried to key on Dixon and Puent, but the other guys stepped it up and everyone gave a great effort," he continued.

Orrick led Clackamas with 19 points on 8-14 shooting, while Matt Stahl came off the bench to score 15 points on 7-8 from the floor. Williams had 13 points, Dixon had 11 points and 7 assists, while Puent was held to 10 points, but grabbed 11 rebounds.

Jon Rider was the only Lane player to reach double figures in scoring with 11 points. Travis Duncan had 8 points and 7 rebounds, Taylor Ebright had 7 points and Jared Leuck also had 7.

Clackamas finished the game shooting 46 percent on 36-65 from the floor, including 6-16 from 3-point range. The Cougars held Lane to 39 percent from the floor, on 19-48 shooting.

Clackamas moved their overall record to 19-2 with the two wins last week, including 8-0 in the NWAAC's Southern Division. Next Saturday night, the Cougars can wrap up the division title with a win over Mt. Hood. Game time is 8 p.m. in the Randall Hall gym.

Cal sophomore sensation no ordinary Kidd

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Last week the University of California basketball team made its yearly stop in the state of Oregon.

Led by sophomore sensation Jason Kidd, the Bears defeated the Oregon State Beavers 67-61. Jason Kidd single handedly took the game over in the second half. He ended up with 27 points, seven assists, six rebounds, and two steals.

But you say, "Yeah, this is the helpless beavers." Sure it was. But this is the same Jason Kidd who led Cal to a 15-point spanking of then number one-ranked UCLA. The same Kidd who led the Bears to an overtime win at arguably the hardest place to win in the nation: McHale Center at Arizona.

This is no ordinary kid. Kidd received his first college letter from the University of Kansas while he was in the eighth grade. The Oakland, Calif., native decided to attend S.T. Josephs of Notre Dame High School in near-by Alameda. This upset many people in his Oakland community because people knew of the future that lied ahead for Kidd. And what

a future it was.

Kidd was a high school All-American in 1990, 91, and 92. He was selected as USA Today's high school player of the year during his senior year. In 1991 he led the Pilots to their first ever California state championship, then he came back and did it again - champs in 92.

Next came the real surprise. After being heavily recruited by Arizona, Ohio St., Indiana, and of course, Kansas, Kidd shocked the nation and chose to stay at home and attend Cal.

Kidd liked the players at Cal. Guys that could handle his passes and finish off the fast break. Kidd has had some big wins in his short career. His state titles, and this year's win over UCLA rank up there. But probably his biggest win was last March. He led Cal to an NCAA tournament upset over two-time defending champions Duke. It was a dream match up, Bobby Hurley the senior vs. Jason Kidd the freshman. Hurley had his best game of his career. But it was just too much Kidd.

I attended the OSU-Cal game last Thursday, and I must say it wasn't a very good game. Cal didn't play up to their current

number 18 ranking which almost resulted in an OSU upset.

NBA lottery pick Lamond Murray shot horribly from the field ending up with only 15 points. Usual steady player Monty Buckley was held to just seven. But when Cal needed a hoop, or just the ball, it was all Jason Kidd.

There's one thing keeping Cal from being a top-10 team, and that's consistency. Cal often plays to the level of their opponents. This showed in the big wins over UCLA and Arizona but also showed in the losses to unranked Arizona St., and Stanford. You must remember, however, that Cal is without preseason starters K.J. Roberts, and Al Grigsby. Both are out for the season with injuries.

The Bears are currently 7-2 in Pac-10 play -- good enough for second place. The team will have another test this week as they host Arizona St., and the rematch with Arizona. If Cal can get by the Wildcats and continue to play well, then bet on the Bears in March. This team has the potential of going into the sweet sixteen, or higher come tournament time.

Even though all the pressure is riding on a Kidd,

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