

Cougars knock Saints out of the sky

by Jesse Sowa
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The Clackamas Community College Volleyball team came up with a big upset on the road last Wednesday as they beat the highly-ranked Mt. Hood Saints in five games.

Clackamas came back from a two games to one deficit to beat the Saints 15-13, 8-15, 4-15, 15-13, 15-12.

Following a three game loss to Mt. Hood at home on October 5, the Cougars were ready to prove that they could make a better run at the Saints than they did before.

"We've been fairly inconsistent," said Head Coach Kathie Woods of her team's play in the last few weeks. Woods pointed to the fact that her squad has committed too many errors. She wanted the team to play a more controlled match against Mt. Hood, which seemed to help them a lot.

After falling behind 13-8 in the opening game, the Cougars came out with a revived intensity that seemed to spark their play and get them back into the game. They used that intensity to take control of Mt. Hood and win 15-13.

The Saints came out in the

second game with a point to prove. A lack of defensive movement by Clackamas allowed the Mt. Hood hitters to take advantage and find the holes in the defense. Mt. Hood won the second game 15-8 on an ace by a Saints server.

The third game was a tough one for the Cougars as they seemed to be able to get the side-outs but were unable to get the points at crucial time in the game. Mt. Hood was able to capitalize on several Clackamas errors, build a large lead and win the game 15-4. This put Mt. Hood ahead two games to one with a "must win" situation approaching the Cougars.

"We were shaky and lost communication," Woods said of the third game.

Woods commented that her team knew that they had to win the next two games and the match in order to start digging themselves out of the hole they were in after the first half of the season. This served as the motivation for the Cougars entering the fourth game.

Clackamas was able to stay close in the fourth game, thanks in part to big kills by Kara Edwards and Melanie Sharp and strong blocks by Karissa

Skarberg.

Sharp was named the Defensive Player of the Week in the NWAACC Southern Region two weeks ago for her defensive play against Portland Community College and Lane Community College.

The Cougars were down 12-8 before the Clackamas hitters were able to overpower the Saints' defense and score a much needed 15-13 win in the fourth game.

Clackamas jumped on Mt. Hood right away in the last game to take early 4-1 and 7-3 leads. The Saints caught the Cougars to tie them at seven and then took a 9-7 lead on a missed kill by Clackamas. An ace by Sharp brought the Cougars back to a 12-all tie. An ace by Jennifer Walters and a missed kill by Mt. Hood cinched the win for the Cougars with a 15-12 fifth game victory.

Woods singled out Shannon Segerstrom for her strong setting and Walters for tipping the ball to keep the Cougars in the match.

Clackamas is looking forward to a rematch with Linn-Benton tonight after the Cougars slipped away with a five-game victory when the two teams last played. The match is at home and will start at 7 p.m.

Cross Country team captures second place at the Southern Regional Championships on Oct. 6

✓ High expectations remain for the future

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The men's and women's cross country teams from Clackamas Community College didn't finish as high as they wanted to at the regional meet on Saturday, but they came away with high expectations for the conference meet on Nov. 12.

Both teams finished second in the team totals at the Southern Regional Championships at McIver Park in Estacada on October 29. The men's team from Clark edged Clackamas 30 to 31 for the regional title, followed by Lane (94), Mt. Hood (96) and Lower Columbia (132). The Mt. Hood women finished with 28 points and Clackamas took second (33), followed by Lane (75) and Clark (81).

Head Coach Mike Hodges was especially proud of the fact that his runners brought home the combined team trophy with 64 points, trailed by Clark (111), Mt. Hood (124) and Lane (169).

"We want to have a strong overall program, not for just one (team) or the other. The Cougars have won the combined title the last six years in a row," Hodges said.

Hodges was impressed with the fact that his top five men's runners finished among the top 25 times ever run at McIver Park. This is a big accomplishment considering the wet, muddy condition of the course and the fact that the course has been run on since the 1970's.

Ryan Burck led Clackamas, finishing second in a time of 26 minutes, 1 second and the sixth fastest time on the course. Brian Buckingham placed

fourth (26:05) with the ninth fastest time on the course. Brent Roeger took seventh overall (26:17) with the fourteenth quickest time on the course. Leo Sanders finished eighth (26:19) and tied for fifteenth on the all-time list at McIver. Dean Rowell placed tenth in 26:25 and tied for twenty-second on the all-time list. Will Haskins (26:29) took eleventh, Jon Cox (27:02) placed thirteenth and Steve Jensen (28:32) finished twenty-second.

For the women, Jaime Fairchild took second overall in a time of 19:12 and the eleventh fastest time at McIver Park. Rebecca Graham (19:30) took fourth, Jessie Richter (19:51) seventh, Jennifer Turman (19:55) tenth, Becky White (20:14) eleventh, Annie Boitano (20:41) seventeenth and Shannon Henley (21:00) placed twenty-first.

"Boitano ran well considering she had not run for a month," Hodges said. Boitano was out because of a leg injury. Hodges also praised Turman for running a good race despite being away from running for almost a week because of illness.

Hodges believes that the Clackamas women were defeated because "Mt. Hood was better at kicking at the finish."

Looking ahead to the NWAACC meet a week from Saturday, Hodges expects great things out of his runners. He expects them to show their true colors when it counts most. Hodges sees the conference meet as a chance for both the men and women to reverse their finishing places with the teams that beat them at the regional meet and to show those teams just how strong they are.

Sports Movie Review

'HOOP DREAMS' CAN COME TRUE

By Zach Kreinheder
Business Manager

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of previewing a new documentary, "Hoop Dreams," an extraordinary true story of two black youths and their struggle to succeed in the NBA.

This story begins in 1986 in the streets of Chicago. It follows the lives of William Gates and Arthur Agee, two 14-year-old court phenoms pegged to basketball stardom. This four year documentary follows both youths through the ups and downs of their high school years and the politics and adversities they overcome.

This three-hour trilogy doesn't stop on the court. We enter the lives of each by sharing their problems and triumphs through the eye of the camera. We see the frustration by Gates' older brother and Agee's father, both ex-collegiate players who both want more for their fami-

lies.

Gates and Agee started out their paths to stardom together at St. Joseph's private school in Chicago. Both fashioned themselves after Isiah Thomas, an alumnus. Things soon changed for Agee when his financial aid ran out during the first semester and he had to transfer to a public school. Gates continued on at St. Joe's, but also ran into adversity with a devastating knee injury that would keep him from playing for almost two years.

A surprising life story filled with realism and hope.

With their senior year fast approaching, Gates battling both a knee injury and low ACT scores (which would make him ineligible for the draft), Agee trying to make up credits and find his place in the school and his team,

as well as continuing family problems; both seem to find disappointment.

Gates passes the ACT, and is recruited by Marquette University and soon finds himself and his team knocked out of the regional playoffs very early, to their dismay. With Gates out of the way, Agee finds himself in the spotlight for the first time and leads his school to a third-place finish in state. But due to grades, he can only attend a junior college. Both are still in college and will be eligible for the NBA draft this year. This was a surprising life story filled with realism and hope. It's been a long time since I have seen a story of this character and I would advise taking three hours out of your time to see this inspirational life story.

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