

# Kiser's Cougar's prepare to defend NWAACC title

**√ Young team is looking for leadership and willingness to win**

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Head Basketball Coach Royce Kiser doesn't know what to expect when his young team starts the season next Friday at the Red Devil Tournament in Longview, Washington.

Kiser has just four players back from the team that won the NWAACC title last year. Only two, Nate Williams from Franklin High School and Matt Stahl from Central Catholic, have any playing time to speak of. Williams was a starter during most of last year, while Stahl was an important player off the bench.

"We've got more work to do

this year," Kiser said. Kiser noted that last year his team only lost one scrimmage game and that this year they have already lost to George Fox and Willamette. Kiser said that this team has not performed well so far and have given up a lot of points.

The team roster includes second-year players Ryan Coffey and Jay Moore, both from Putnam H.S. Ryan Samms is a transfer player from Pendleton who played guard at Umpqua CC last year. Jawanza Hadley of David Douglas transferred to Clackamas after attending the University of Oregon last year.

Clackamas will be powered by a strong freshman class with a lot of potential. First-year players include post Ryan Valley of Pendleton, guard Bryan Brutke of Roseburg, guard Kenny Walker from Idaho, forward Jeremy Armstrong of Tillamook, guard Aaron Pierson of Forest Grove, guard Mike Davidson of

West Linn and post player Jay Lassen of Crescent Valley.

Kiser expects the tougher opponents in the NWAACC Southern Division to be Chemeketa CC, Mt. Hood CC and

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-Royce Kiser

Lane CC.

Kiser will look for leadership qualities in his sophomore players in order to rebuild a strong program. He believes that the play of his point guard, Williams, and the defensive contributions of his team will be the keys to a successful season.



photo by Josh Kehler

The men's basketball team will attempt to defend their title this season with only four people returning from last years championship team. Stahl, Williams, Coffey and Moore will bring leadership and experience to this years squad.



photo by Chad Patteson

Royce Kiser has been busy preparing a young group for a long journey that will lead them back to the NWACC title. On December 7th The Print will honor Kiser in a special feature.



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## Cougar

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## Calendar

MEN'S BASKETBALL	
Home	Away
12/2 Columbia Basin CC 8 p.m.	11/25-27 Red Devil Tournament at Longview
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Home	Away
11/25-26 Cougar 4 team Tournament	12/3 Blue Mt. CC 4 p.m.
WRESTLING	
11/29 Quadrangular Meet (CCC, Phoenix C, PSU JV, Pacific JV) 10 am	11/22 Highline CC Pacific Luthern Univ. 6 pm at Tacoma, WA.
12/2 Lassen College Dual Meet at Reno, NV.	12/3 Lassen Open Tourney Tournament Reno, NV.

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