

## Cougars hunted down by Chiefs, can't catch Roadrunners

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The Clackamas Men's Basketball team just hasn't been able to find the consistency to win the close games and those games that seem to be in their grasp.

Clackamas dropped both of their road games last week to fall to 3-3 in league play.

The Cougars dropped a tough game to Chemeketa CC at Salem last Wednesday after totally dominating the first 20 minutes and leading by half and led by 12 (52-40) at the break.

Both teams played even throughout most of the first half and it wasn't until nearly seven minutes before the break that the Cougars finally broke away from the Chiefs.

Ryan Valley hit Aaron Pierson for a three-pointer from the corner and Valley added two foul shots to put the Cougars up 34-25 with 6:42 remaining. Brian Brutke found Nate Williams for

an open 3-points attempt and hit Matt Stahl for a back door lay-in to give Clackamas a 42-31 advantage.

Stahl stole the ball on an in-bounds pass and went the length of the court to put the Cougars up 52-40 at the break.

Clackamas continued its hot streak for the first ten minutes of the second half before the home team finally started to make a run. The Cougars led 63-46 with 17:25 remaining in the game following Stahl's drive to the hoop for a score.

Clackamas maintained the lead over the next six minutes and found itself up by 17 again at 76-59 with 11:15 to go.

The Chiefs then began to pick apart the Cougars on both ends of the floor. Chemeketa forced a lot of Cougar turnovers and got some easy baskets off of transition and good ball movement.

The home team outscored the Cougars 18-6 over a four minute

period to move within five at 82-77 on back to back three-pointers by Jermaine Slider.

Clackamas led by one with under a minute to go until Slider drove to the hoop for a one-point lead. The Cougars were unable to score on their next possession and a Chemeketa player added a free throw with two seconds remaining for the 93-91 win.

Despite shooting 37 of 62 (60percent) from the field for the game and connecting on 7 of 9 three-point shots, the Cougars were unable to hold off Chemeketa in the closing minutes. Clackamas also out-rebounded the Chiefs 36-24.

Stahl finished with 26 points on 10 of 11 shooting. Valley added 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Williams hit for 11 points and dished out 6 assists.

In the game against Linn-Benton CC in Albany last Saturday, Head Coach Royce Kiser started his second string since that

group had out-played the starters all week.

The Cougars got consecutive threes by Pierson and Brutke to go up 15-11 with 13:10 remaining. Clackamas' second group was ahead 21-15 midway through the half when Kiser put his original starters into the game.

Clackamas increased their lead to 33-23 on baskets by Valley and Williams with 6:40 to go. Hadley sank two foul shots and a lay-in and Pierson canned a three-pointer for a 46-36 advantage at the break.

The Cougars' level of play seemed to go downhill quickly in the second half. The Roadrunners outscored Clackamas 16-8 early in the first half to close within two at 54-52 with 13:55 remaining.

Linn-Benton totally controlled the game in the second half and the Cougars never really challenged the home team after the Roadrunners took their first lead of the game with just over seven

minutes to go in the game.

Clackamas then went scoreless for over six minutes, which simply took the Cougars right out of the game. Linn-Benton won going away, 89-77.

Kiser was angry after the game about the work done by the officiating crew. He also noted that Linn-Benton went nearly 16 minutes without having a foul called on them.

Both teams had great nights from the foul line with the Cougars hitting 15-17 free throws and Linn-Benton 25 of 28.

Pierson led Clackamas with 15 points including three three-pointers in the first half. Jeff Taylor led L-B with 21 points.

The Cougars will finish the first half of their league schedule with a game at home against Portland CC tonight. Clackamas will then begin the second half with a home game Saturday night against Lane CC.

## Women's basketball drops two more league games, record now at 1-5

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The Clackamas Women's Basketball team has found itself in quite a tough squeeze after last week's games.

The Cougars dropped both of their road games last week as they fell to 1-5 in league play.

Clackamas was beaten by Chemeketa CC last Wednesday 83-67 and by Linn-Benton CC on Saturday by a score of 54-50.

In the game against Chemeketa in Salem, the Cougars shot out to a commanding lead early in the game. Melanie Sharp hit Rachel Ferguson under the basket for a lay-in and Ferguson added another hoop for a 14-3 lead five minutes into the game. Laura Stahl added a scoring drive and a 15-footer to give the Cougars a 24-11 advantage midway through the half.

The Chiefs climbed back into the game late in the second half with a breakdown of the Cougar defense, including blocking out under the basket, and some poor

passing by Clackamas that seemed to lead to one turnover after another.

Clackamas led by just five (39-34) at halftime after leading by as many as 13 in the first half. The Cougars went scoreless over a four-minute period late in the half while the Chiefs scored nine in the same time frame.

The Cougars came out in the second half with the same lack of focus that seemed to bring them down in the first 20 minutes.

"We just slowed down," said Clackamas Head Coach Karen Twain. "We didn't come out with the same intensity in the second half that we did in the beginning of the game."

After Sharp completed a three-point play to give the Cougars a 42-36 lead, Chemeketa then scored 14 consecutive points to gain a 50-42 advantage.

Stahl was the only Clackamas player who was able to keep the Cougars in the game in the second half, which wasn't enough to control the Chiefs' scoring

threats.

Stahl scored ten consecutive points for the Cougars to pull them within 62-56 and ten minutes remaining in the game.

"She (Stahl) can really light it up and she was definitely hot," said Twain.

Without much other scoring from the rest of the team and a lack of defensive pressure, Clackamas' hance of winning went downhill. Chemeketa pulled away late in the game to make the game seem more lopsided that it actually was.

Stahl paced the Cougars with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Sharp added 13 points and 10 boards.

Even through her team's recent losing streak, Twain still believes that her team can be successful in the second half of the league schedule.

"There's not a team that we've played that we don't think we can beat," Twain said. "The girls have stuck together and their attitudes are still positive."

The Cougars end the first half of the schedule tonight when they host Portland CC and the second half begins when Lane CC travels to Oregon City on Saturday night to play Clackamas at Randall Hall.

The Cougars fell to a very aggressive Linn-Benton team last Saturday in Albany.

Clackamas kept the score close in the first half by blocking out playing solid defense.

Ferguson scored two quick hoops with under two minutes remaining in the half to give the Cougars a 22-21 advantage. Clackamas was unable to stop the home team on the other end of the court as Linn-Benton scored six consecutive points to take a 27-22 lead into the locker room.

The Cougars quickly found themselves back in the game with some big defensive stops and a three-pointer by Stephanie Kadell that put Clackamas up 31-30 three minutes into the half.

Neither team took a lead of more than two throughout the remainder of the half. Sharp made some key baskets down the stretch to keep the Cougars within striking distance. Shannon Segerstrom did a fine job of finding her teammates for easy baskets.

Clackamas trailed by just one with under a minute to go, until Darci Powell of Linn Benton nailed a 15-foot jumper from the side. An offensive foul by Segerstrom with ten seconds remaining ended the Cougars' chances of victory.

Although Clackamas managed to out shoot and out-rebound the Roadrunners, the Cougars faltered at the free throw stripe where they made just 5 of 10 shots.

Stahl led the Cougars with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Ferguson added 15 points and grabbed 10 boards.

### Clackamas Indoor Track and Field Results

#### National Pole Vault Summit

Joe Dean 15ft-2in  
Craig Connors 15ft-0in  
Bill Hurford 14ft-3in  
David Prlvratsky 13ft-0in  
Brian Clement 13ft-0in

#### University of Portland Indoor Track Meet

800meters -  
Leo Sanders (1:58.4)  
Brent Roeger (2:00.3)  
Will Haskins (2:01.2)

40 meters -  
Jimmy Horne (4.6)

200 meters -  
Jimmy Horne (23.4)

400 meters -  
Aaron Schlecht (52.4)  
Marea Crowe (63.8)

3000 meters -  
Ryan Burke (9:16.3)  
Jon Cox (9:27.8)  
Dean Rowell (9:34.4)  
Jaime Fairchild (11:30.6)

#### University Of Washington Indoor Track Meet

Pole Vault  
Craig Connors 15ft-6in

800 meters -  
Leo Sanders (2:00.2)

300 meters -  
Carl Crowe (38.2)

1 mile run -  
Will Haskins (4:37.8)

3000 meters -  
Brent Roeger (9:01.2)  
Clindy Keene (11:19.0)

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