

# Men's team beats Portland and Lane on road



photo by Jesse Sowa

Clackamas post Jay Lassen goes to the hoop for a lay-in during a practice drill last week.

**Clackamas' Jawanza Hadley scores 18 against Lane, and 23 versus Portland**

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Sports Editor

The Clackamas Men's Basketball team improved to 7-1 in Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' (NWAACC) Southern Region play with critical road wins against Portland Community College and Lane CC.

The Cougars (19-4) remain in second place in the Southern Region behind Chemeketa, which is ranked number one in the Northwest with a 19-3 record. Clackamas is currently ranked number five in the NWAACC.

The Cougars travel to Chemeketa next Wednesday.

Also in the poll, Yakima Valley is second, Shoreline third,

Clark fourth, Lower Columbia fifth, Big Bend sixth and Skagit Valley eighth.

The Cougars beat Lane CC in Eugene, 77-72, on Monday after the game was postponed on Saturday night because of the weather. Lane, the third place team in the Southern Region, dropped from 4-3 to 4-4 in league play with the loss, which gives Clackamas a three-game lead over the Titans.

Against Lane, the Cougars didn't play well, but it was good enough to win. Clackamas shot over sixty percent in the first half, but dropped below thirty percent in the second half and held on for the win.

Clackamas Head Coach Royce Kiser mentioned that his team played poorly on offense in the second half, but made up for it with strong play on defense.

"We played real good defense in the second half," Kiser said.

But Kiser pointed to the fact that the Cougars still have some work to do on offense. "We're not executing as well as we should," he added.

"I think it's the mark of a good team when you win when you play bad," Kiser said of his team.

Hadley led Clackamas in scoring with 18, Peason added 14 points and Valley 12. Lassen scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Cougars traveled to Portland on Jan. 24 and defeated the host Panthers 102-88.

Clackamas was led in scoring by Lassen, who scored 26, and Hadley, who added 23. Pearson scores 10 for the Cougars.

Clackamas travels to Gresham tonight to take on Mt. Hood CC. The Cougars will host Umpqua CC on Saturday night in Randall Hall. Both contests begin at 8 p.m.

# Wrestlers prepare for regionals with strong tourney showing

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The Clackamas Community College Cougars Wrestling Team had several wrestlers place last Saturday, at the Central Washington Open Tournament.

The Cougars are preparing to compete at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 18 Championships in Rexburg, Idaho on February 9.

"We've pretty much had a champion at every tournament we've been to. This tournament (Central Washington) we didn't have an individual champion, but as a whole, we wrestled better than we've wrestled all year," said Cougars Head Coach Mike Haluska.

The Cougars had seven wrestlers place in the Central Washington Tournament led by Leo Sandoval (heavyweight) in second place. Corey Kaywood (134) and Jamie Dixon (177) finished third, while Glen Garrison (142) and Lonnie Eggert (158) placed fourth. The other wrestlers who placed were Chris Frisbie (118) and David Johnson (158),

who took fifth.

Clackamas had their final home match of the season last Thursday, against Yakima CC and Clark College.

The Cougars defeated Yakima handily 24-16 in a dual match and wrestled exhibition matches against Clark, a team in their first year of competition.

"Right now up until this point we've got a couple weeks to fine tune things (for the Regional Championships)," said Haluska.

"I think we've got five people that I'm really expecting to place in the top five at the national tournament, there are also 10 to 12 wrestlers that are potential All-Americans it depends on what they do to prepare themselves.

The Cougars last regular season match will be a dual match with Clark at 7:30 p.m. in Vancouver. On Feb. 9, Clackamas will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 18 Championships at Rexburg, Idaho. The top three placers in that tournament go to the national tournament in Bismarck, North Dakota on Feb 23-24.



The 1996 Clackamas Community College Wrestling Team

photo by Tarah Nimz

# Cowboys continue NFC dominance

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This year's Super Bowl was not the Super Bore as in years past, but the result was the same.

The Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 on Sunday to add to the domination by the National Football Conference (NFC) in the Super Bowl.

Dallas won it's third Super Bowl in four years. It also marked the twelfth straight National Football League title game won by the NFC and the fourteenth in the last 15 years. The last victory by the American Football Conference (AFC) was in 1984 when the Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Washington Redskins, 38-9.

Dallas joined the San Francisco 49ers as the only team to win the five Super Bowls.

But really, it was the Steelers that beat themselves. Pittsburgh quarterback Neil O'Donnell threw two passes directly at Dallas cornerback Larry Brown, who intercepted both and set up two decisive touchdowns by the Cowboys.

The victory by Dallas was the fifth in six years by the NFC East Division. The N.Y. Giants won in 1991, Washington in 1992, and Dallas in 1992 and 1993. Of the 17 wins by the NFC since 1970 when the two conferences were formed, 10 have come from the NFC East.

Several different reasons have been given as to why the NFC continues to win the Super Bowl year in and year out.

Some think it's that the NFC plays a rougher, more physical

game. In most cases over the last 12 years, the NFC has been the aggressor.

Others say that the NFC has more talent. This is also a possibility considering that the AFC has bad luck in drafting players.

The NFC continues to own the Super Bowl in every way, but the AFC is slowly gaining ground.

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