

Spencer scores 44, leads Cougar men past SWOCC

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Sports Editor

The Cougar men's basketball team is off to a strong start with a 13-4 overall record.

Clackamas has jumped to a 2-0 league record with wins over Umpqua and Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC). On Saturday Clackamas beat SWOCC 108-85.

Leif Spencer exploded for 44 points and 21 rebounds to lead six players in double figures. Spencer leads the team in scoring and rebounds with an average of 26 points and 10.5 rebounds a game.

Clackamas finished the pre-season by placing third in the Clackamas Invitational.

The Cougars broke open a 17-point lead in the first half and added 12 points to the lead in the second half, finishing with a final score of 98-69.

Spencer had six offensive rebounds to go along with 37 points on 17-26 shooting. Bryan Brutke passed the ball well and had 11 assists and seven rebounds.

Clint Hordemann had 19 points, four blocks and three steals. Hordemann, a freshman, started strong, averaging 18.5 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Clackamas slipped in the second game, losing to Centralia 74-83. The Cougars struggled from the field, hitting 30-76 shots. Freshman Oscar Rodriguez led the team with 16 points and nine assists.



Photo by Brendon Neal

Clint Hordemann soars above Western Baptist players. Hordemann averages 18.5 and eight rebounds per game.

Hordemann and Antwain Williams added 11 points apiece.

The Cougars won the consolation bracket with a win over Willamette 85-73.

Spencer led the team with 30 points and 13 rebounds. Rodriguez had eight points on

four of seven shooting, seven assists and six steals.

Jared Bullock averaged 10 points and eight rebounds, and Brian Hay leads the team with 7.5 assists a game.

Clackamas will play at home tonight at 8 p.m. against Chemeketa and against Linn-Benton on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Cougar Calendar



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Home		Away	
1/15	Chemeketa 6 p.m.	1/22	Portland CC 6 p.m.
1/18	Linn-Benton 6 p.m.	1/25	Lane 6 p.m.
2/1	Umpqua 6 p.m.	1/29	Mt. Hood 6 p.m.
2/8	SWOCC 6 p.m.	2/5	Chemeketa 6 p.m.
2/12	Portland 6 p.m.	2/15	Linn-Benton 6 p.m.
2/19	Mt. Hood 6 p.m.		
2/22	Lane 6 p.m.		

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Home		Away	
1/15	Chemeketa 8 p.m.	1/22	Portland CC 8 p.m.
1/18	Linn-Benton 8 p.m.	1/25	Lane 8 p.m.
2/1	Umpqua 8 p.m.	1/29	Mt. Hood 8 p.m.
2/8	SWOCC 8 p.m.	2/5	Chemeketa 8 p.m.
2/12	Portland 8 p.m.	2/15	Linn-Benton 8 p.m.
2/19	Mt. Hood 8 p.m.	3/6-8	NWAACC Championships Lynnwood, WA
2/22	Lane 8 p.m.		

WRESTLING

Home		Away	
1/17	Dual/Double Lassen/Colby @ 7:30 p.m.	1/18	P.S.U. Open, all day
2/15	Region 18 Championships, all day	1/24	Dual Central Washington University @ 7 p.m.
		1/25	C.W.U. Open Tournament, all day

Youth Softball

Clackamas will hold the Sixth Annual Softball Hitting Clinic for girls ages 13 to 18 on Jan. 26 or Jan. 27 for three hours.

The cost is \$25 per participant. Because this camp fills early, no refunds will be made for cancellations after Jan. 22.

Instruction will include bunting, slapping and hitting.

The camp will be videotaped, and the participants will be able to go over the tapes of their practice with a coach or player from Clackamas women's softball team.

For more information, call the Community Recreation Office at ext. 2211.

Hawks flying high

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Staff Writer

The Portland Winterhawks are just into the second half of the season and are already on their quest for a championship.

Becoming the first team in the league to reach the 30-win mark on the season, the Hawks are looking forward to the next couple of months.

With post-season play just two months away, the Hawks are on a pace to have a less-goals-against average than any other team in the league. Along with this distinction, they currently have the league's top scorer in center Todd Robinson and are set to have five representatives in the Jan. 22 All-Star Game in Spokane, Wa.

Behind the solid play of goaltender Chris Wickenheiser, the Hawks have posted a 20-3-2 record in their last 25 games, going unbeaten in games played Nov. 16 to Dec. 21. With the talent level of this year's team, the playoffs are being greatly anticipated by players and fans alike.

"We want the Memorial Cup," says Center Andrej Podkonicky.

The Memorial Cup is the highest trophy for any junior hockey

club in the U.S. and Canada.

The Hawks will head into next weekend when they play the Kamloops Blazers on the road and the Kelowna Rockets at home, leading the second place Seattle Thunderbirds by nine points. With only 28 games left until the playoffs, and seven of those games

against their I-5 rival Thunderbirds, the next two months are sure to be very exciting for our Winterhawks. With all of the team's success this season, attendance is on the rise, and the Memorial Coliseum and Rose Garden are great places to catch all the action.

One of the most exciting fan events of the season is coming up this Sunday, Jan. 19. The second annual "Skills Challenge" will be held in the Memorial Coliseum at 1 p.m. The event features player competitions such as fastest skater, hardest shot, shot accuracy and a goaltending shootout. You can also try your luck and shoot on one of the Winterhawks goaltenders.

Next home action is this Saturday night, Jan. 18, against the Kelowna Rockets in the Memorial Coliseum. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



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