

Clackamas overthrows top-ranked Chemeketa

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When Lauren Mohan suited up for last Wednesday's women's basketball game against Chemeketa, you could tell it was a special night.

For the past several weeks, Mohan has been sidelined from mononucleosis and was not expected to return to the Clackamas lineup until playoff time. Because of her illness, however, she was only able to participate in pregame warmups due to fatigue.

The Cougars played host to top-ranked Chemeketa in what showcased two of the best teams in the northwest. After falling behind early in the first half (10-4), Clackamas went on an incredible 25-1 run that left the Chiefs in a daze and with a sixteen point deficit at halftime (39-23).

Chemeketa came out firing in the second half and led by Kelli Johnston's 21 points, regained the lead by three with under five minutes to play. Melissa Hollenbeck and the Cougars, however, shut the door on the Chiefs in the last minute of the game and secured a 73-70 victory.

Hollenbeck's clinching free throws in the waning moments Wednesday night added to her 18 points for the game. The Clackamas offense was well-balanced by Clair Cox's 18 points (11 rebounds), Robbie Nix's 16 points (6 rebounds) and Lisa Sorenson's 10 points (5 rebounds).

"Melissa played real tough for us," said an ecstatic Head Coach Karen Twain. "Everyone just played great!"



Photo by John Thorburn

Melissa Hollenbeck's 18 points led the Cougars past Chemeketa.

This past Saturday night, the Cougars continued their winning ways against a stubborn Linn-Benton squad.

Clackamas started out slow and lethargic against the Roadrunners and faced a 42-34 Linn Benton lead. Led by Cox's 19 points and Hollenbeck's 17 (10 rebounds), the Cougars (2-2) outscored their opponent 48-18 in the second half for an 82-60 victory. 6'1" Robbie Nix grabbed 13 rebounds for Clackamas.

"The entire team played tremendous," said Twain. "The first half we were very flat and not hustling, but the second half ev-

eryone came out fired up and with much more intensity."

The game marked the quick return of Mohan as she started at point guard for the Cougars.

"Lauren played exceptionally well," said Twain. "She hit a great three-pointer at a key time for us. We're trying to ease her back into the lineup because she's missed a lot."

Clackamas plays at Portland Community College tonight at 6 p.m.

Cougar Calendar



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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

WRESTLING

Home		Away	
2/15	Region 18 Championships, all day	1/24	Dual Central Washington University @ 7 p.m.
		1/25	C.W.U. Open Tournament

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.

Super Bowl sleeper coming this Sunday

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Be sure to watch this weekend's Super Bowl.

This Sunday, the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots will face off in the latest edition of "naptime," otherwise known as Super Bowl XXXI, in New Orleans. Most everyone feels the Packers will handily defeat the Pats but, before I jump on the "Cheesehead" bandwagon, I must give New England their due credit.

The Patriots bring to the title game a very stubborn defense that has not allowed a touchdown yet in the playoffs along with strong-armed quarterback Drew Bledsoe. The flashy running of tailback Curtis Martin has often left teams scratching their heads, but he is inconsistent in his performance during the playoffs.

Now let's see what the Packers bring to the table. Two-time NFL Most Valuable Player Brett Favre will lead his team at quarterback with strong running back Edgar Bennett standing behind him.

While the explosive punt-re-

turner in Desmond Howard can ignite a crowd, Green Bay is not planning on seeing the Patriot's punter much. The defense is anchored by All-Pros Reggie White and Eugene Robinson, who are both certainly capable of causing turnovers. And, of course, we must not forget the fans. Home to the most loyal and zaniest fans in the world, the Packers will have an added advantage as they are not only the favorite in Wisconsin but all over the country.

When you combine the star-studded Packers with the untested, inconsistent Patriots, there can only be one outcome: a very ugly game. Hey, there's always the Bud Bowl.



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