

# Clackamas outlasts Chemeketa, falls to Linn-Benton in double OT

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Clackamas is 3-1, despite injuries, with its only loss coming in a double-overtime nail biter.

"The overall record [15-5] doesn't mean as much as what you do in league. I always think we can do better, but I am happy," said Head Coach Royce Kiser. "You can't sit back. You have to keep getting better. Any team can beat you on any given night. When you are on top, and we usually are, everyone is fired up to play you every night."

Clackamas lost to the Linn-Benton Road Runners Saturday 113-107.

Leif Spencer led the team in scoring with 42 points, on 17 of 26 shooting, and 10 rebounds. Oscar Rodriguez added 22 points and five assists.

Clackamas was behind 99-97 with one second to go in regulation.

On an in-bound pass, Clint Hordemann hit a jumper while double-teamed tying the game and sending it into the first overtime.

Hordemann scored on a Spencer steal, giving them a 103-102 lead, but the Road Runners came back to take the lead 107-105. Hordemann tied the game again

with three seconds left, and Clackamas stopped Linn-Benton from scoring, sending the game into double overtime. Hordemann had 17 points, four assists and two steals.

The second-overtime injuries and long minutes slowed the Cougars, allowing Linn-Benton to outscore Clackamas 14-8. With only nine players, the starters played most of the 50 minutes.

Clackamas started the week with a win over Chemeketa, 69-62, after struggling in the first half.

"We didn't play well in the first half, but they defended us awfully well. I thought Chemeketa's defense was excellent; our defense was very good," said Kiser. "That was as tough a defense as I have played against."

The Cougars were behind 31-24 at the end of the first half. Clackamas went one-on-one more in the second half and had a strong outside game to outscore Chemeketa 45-31.



Photo by Brendon Neal

Clackamas' next home action is February 1 against Umpqua.

"To play [win] against a team that plays defense like they do, we have to change some things we do, to free our people up. We had to change to a driving game," commented Kiser. "[Normally] we play a passing game. In the second half, instead, we had to play one-on-one."

Spencer led all scorers and rebounders with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Hordemann added 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Oscar Rodriguez led three players that had four or more assists with six assists and had 10 points, including two threes on two-of-five shooting from be-

hind the arc.

The Cougars stepped up their three point shooting, going 5-10, in the second half, including three straight to take the lead.

Clackamas has a small lineup. Their largest starter is only 6'4". However, they were able to match Chemeketa's rebounding total, 43, and get five more offensive boards than the Chiefs.

"Our guys have to play like warriors to win," said Kiser, talking about the fight for rebounds.

Clackamas was able to shoot over the bigger Chiefs, including a 6'10" center, and outscore the Chiefs 15-7 at the free throw line.

"Our guys have to play like warriors to win," said Kiser. "The other thing that amazes me is how we, particularly Leif Spencer, can score on those guys [opponents], shoot over 6'11" [players]. That is real hard to shoot over."

Kiser feels the entire team pitches in when the Cougars win.

"Some guys got the points and some guys made it so we got the points. They may not do the scoring but they break them [defenders] down. I could name [every player as important to the win]," said Kiser.

## Track team warms up with indoor meet

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Clackamas is preparing to contend for the championships again after placing third in the Northwestern Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championships last season.

Travis Armstrong and Bill Jones led Clackamas in the University of Washington indoor meet over the weekend.

Armstrong won the mile (4:26.75).

Jones placed second in the pole vault (16'75"). Jones' time is a personal best and a new school indoor record.. Jones lost to University of Washington's Craig Connors.

Connors is a former Clackamas student.

Clackamas started winter training two weeks ago, and Head Coach Mike Hodges is happy with their first outing.

The Cougar track team will compete in five to six indoor meets. The indoor meets are pre-season and do not count toward ranking in NWAACC poles..

"Not everyone will compete in each [meet]. It gives them something to train for," said Head Coach Mike Hodges.

This weekend Clackamas will participate in a pole vault summit in Reno, Nev. The summit will include competition and clinics.

### Men's results

| Competitor               | Placing/record |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Mile Andy Bradley        | (4:33.04) 4th  |
| 400m dash Mychal Trawick | (52.48) 3rd    |
| shotput Aaron Stacey     | (44.25) 8th    |
| pole vault Ely Townson   | (14) pr*       |
| 3,000m Evan Goin         | (9:26.88) 6th  |

### Women's results

| Competitor                 | Placing/record |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Mile Jennifer Rea          | (5:39.79) 5th  |
| Mile Jenny Newell          | (5:49.26) 6th  |
| 800 meter Kendall White    | (2:30.06) 5th  |
| 3,000 meter Mishe Simantel | (12:04:00) pr* |

\*personal record (indoor)

## Cougars move in right direction

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The Cougars had a solid weekend with three freshman showing strong improvement.

Freshman Ryan Gillespie placed fifth on Saturday in the Portland State University Open. Fellow Freshmen Jason Kribs and Tylord Brandsford were also praised for their wrestling over the weekend. All three lost to wrestlers from four-year colleges.

"[They] made giant steps forward. They made me believe they are ready to wrestle at the collegiate level and for the Regionals and Nationals in February," said Haluska.

Glenn Garrison (142 pounds) placed third in the toughest weight class in the tournament. Haluska feels Garrison had an off day and hopes Garrison will be able to win the nationals this year after finishing runner-up a year ago. (Note: in last week's Print Garrison was mistakenly listed as winner in last year's nationals).

Friday Clackamas faced Lassen and Colby Colleges. Haluska sees Lassen as the number one team in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Damion Martindale (heavy-weight) got the only win for Clackamas in the Double Dual with Lassen and Colby. Haluska noted several other matches were very close, including a match between Clackamas' Glen Garrison and Lassen's TJ Williams, whom Haluska sees as the best



Photo by Joel Coerson

The Clackamas wrestling team will host the Region 18 Championships on Feb. 15. Competition will run all day.

true freshman in NJCAA in several years.

With the roughest portion of the season over, Haluska hopes to do some fine-tuning, keep wrestlers healthy and get the three or four injured players ready for the regionals. Corey Caywood is the only injured wrestler that probably will not be able to wrestle in the Regionals in February.

Clackamas will wrestle in a Central Washington University Dual and Tournament this weekend.

"For me coaching is not just about winning championships, but wrestlers wrestling the best they can. This is the funnest, most successful season I have had as a coach or a wrestler, even though we have placed fourth and fifth in the nation in the past," said Haluska.