

Cougars take second as Saints march in

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The men's basketball team closed out their regular season schedule this past weekend.

The Cougars (8-6, 19-10), who three weeks ago looked likely to miss the playoffs, won six out of their last eight games and finished second in the Southern Division of the NWAACC. Led by freshman Antwain Williams strong play underneath the basket, Clackamas claimed sole possession of second place from Lane (7-7, 15-13) Saturday night, winning 73-67.

"Antwain played real well for us Saturday," said Head Coach Royce Kiser. "He battled for us

down low and got some real key baskets. That was probably one of his better games all year."

The Cougars lost a heart-breaking game to Mt. Hood (7-7, 15-13) last Wednesday, 81-74, despite having four players scoring in double figures. Earlier in the season, Clackamas ran past the Saints to a 96-86 victory.

"Mt. Hood is a tough team," said Assistant Coach Trev Kiser. "They're playing real well right now."

Winning six out of eight and four out of their last five games, Head Coach Kiser is very pleased with the way the team has done.

"We've only got seven guys on the team," said R. Kiser, "so everybody is playing. We've been doing well, so everyone is playing pretty darn good right now."

The Cougars are relying on their defense to step up tomorrow night.

"Bullock [Jared] has been playing great defense for us lately," said R. Kiser. "He and all

the other guys will have to step it up against Hood if they want to keep playing."

Clackamas would likely meet fourth-ranked Chemeketa after a win tomorrow night in the Southern division championship game.

"Chemeketa's real good," said T. Kiser. "But the top four or five teams are real even so anything can happen. Their game against Umpqua and our game will both be dogfights."

Despite having one of the smallest squads in the league, the Cougars are certainly turning some heads.

"I don't understand it," said R. Kiser. "The last few weeks, we've been beating the teams that we lost to earlier in the season and been losing to the ones that we beat."

The future looks bright for Clackamas.

"It's the freshmen," said R. Kiser. "Early on we lost a few. They were learning still. Now we're winning. They are maturing."



Photo by John Thorburn

Oscar Rodriguez and the Cougars host Mt. Hood tomorrow night in playoff action.

Clackamas faces rival Chemeketa in showdown

Michelle McKinney's 12 points and 11 rebounds on Saturday helped Clackamas to a 90-62 victory over Lane.



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After winning their last five games, the Clackamas women's basketball team is pumped for tomorrow night's playoff game against Chemeketa.

The Cougars finished their regular season schedule with a 90-62 victory over the Lane Titans Saturday night. Sophomore Clair Cox scored 22 points in her final home game as all 12 Clackamas players entered the game in the first half.

With an added win over Mt. Hood on Wednesday, the Cougars secured a playoff spot and a rematch against the Chiefs.

"A few of our players come from down in that area," said Assistant Coach Jim Martineau. "They want to perform well in front of their families and because a lot of our players were heavily recruited by Chemeketa. It's a pretty good rivalry."

In their first meeting of the season, the Cougars upset the then top-ranked Chiefs, 73-70, in Randall Gymnasium. In their last matchup, Chemeketa took advantage of a poor defensive effort in the first half and went on to claim an 89-84 victory.

"We match up real well against Chemeketa," said Head Coach Karen Twain. "Player by player we are real even."

All of the coaches conceded that Clackamas should do well if the defense decides to show up.

"The last time we played them," said Assistant Coach Trev Kiser, "we only played defense in the second half and ended up only losing by a few points. If we play 40 minutes of good basketball, then we should do fine. When we play our style of game, I don't

think there's a team in the Northwest that can beat us."

"Our defense has been playing extremely well lately," added Twain. "If we go down there and play some basketball like we've been playing, we should do really well."

The Cougars, ranked seventh in the NWAACC/Horizon Air Coaches Poll, are restless for their game against second-ranked Chemeketa.

"This is probably the most excited I've seen the players all year," said Martineau. "Everyone's real pumped for this game. The pressure is on Chemeketa now, playing on their own court. They'll need to perform."

"I think it'll just come down to who wants it more," said Twain. "To tell you the truth, I think we do."

If Clackamas defeats the Chiefs, the women will likely travel to Umpqua on Saturday night. The Timberwomen, who captured first place, play Mt. Hood tomorrow night in other playoff action.

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