Cougar Sidelines

Basketball

Adult basketball leagues are forming at Clackamas Community College. The league includes a weekly round robin schedule plus an end of the season tournament. All games are held on Sundays between 3:30-8 p.m. beginning Sunday, Nov. 23.

Experienced OSAA officials are used for all games. Teams are responsible for providing either a scorebook or scoreclock official each game. Teams are required to have matching, numbered jerseys.

Team entry fee is $575 which covers expenses for officials, gym reservation, weekly standings and awards.

To register, applications are available in Randall Hall and can be returned to the college's Community Recreation office.

For more information, call 657-6958 ext. 2298.

Notice!!

The weight room will be closed during finals week, Dec. 7-14 for repainting and reflooring.

Ski & Snowboard

Once again Clackamas is offering ski and snowboard classes during the winter term.

You can earn college P.E. credit while being taught the finer points of skiing and snowboarding at Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Meadows.

Prices have remained the same the last three years at Timberline with $170 covering two hour lessons from noon to 2 p.m. and lift tickets all day and night on Saturdays.

The Friday night class at Mt. Hood Meadows costs $135. The package includes five lessons and lift tickets with class scheduled from 6-8 p.m. and open skiing/ snowboarding available until 10 p.m.

Sundays at Mt. Hood Meadows cost $200. It includes five all-day and night lift tickets and a two-hour lesson from 10 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All levels of skiing and snowboarding are offered.

In addition, telemark skiing is available at Timberline and cross-country skiing is offered Sundays at Meadows.

Students are responsible for getting themselves to the mountain but transportation can be arranged for a fee.

An obligatory orientation is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. in Randall 101 for all Meadows classes. Payment of lift and lessons plus rental information will be available at that time. If students wish to arrange carpools, this is a good opportunity.

For further information, contact Nancy Mikleton at ext. 2450.

Potent offense set to explode

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The 1997-98 Cougars' first home game is next Wednesday, Dec. 3 against Clark College. Game time is 6 p.m.

The 1997-98 Clackamas women's basketball team has a tough act to follow.

After the Cougars' second place finish at last year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges [NWAACC] tournament, the veteran squad reloads for another drive to the title.

"It was tough getting as far as we did last year," said 6'1" sophomore Robbie Nix. "It will be hard to accomplish what we did last year but we've got a strong group of returning players and great freshmen."

Clackamas graduated only two players from last year's team. In the offseason, many schools looked to Clackamas as the favorite to win the Southern Division because of the number of returning players.

Not all of the players' plans for return have materialized, however. Melissa Hollenbeck, the Cougars' top returning shooter [14.2 p.p.g., 36% three-point percentage] was lost for the season when she tore her anterior cruciate ligament while playing volleyball for Clackamas in early fall. Michelle McKinney, also a two-sport athlete with the volleyball team, continues to battle through injury while a number of Cougars struggle to maintain eligibility.

"When we lost Lisa [Sorenson] to graduation, we lost some shooting," said Head Coach Karen Twain. "And to lose Melissa who's our best outside shooter really hurts us. But we have a number of players that can play a variety of positions. Krystal [Nakamoto] is probably our best three-point shooter if she can stay eligible.

"It's frustrating not having all the players you expect to have back," said Twain, who enters her fifth season as coach of the Cougars. "We've got some excellent recruits, though. Nichole [Hayden] comes from Umpqua where she red-shirted due to a knee injury. She's a terrific player that is strong and shoots the ball real well. She can definitely play a guard or a forward position. Melinda Freeman is quick and will probably be our best defender."

While Michelle McKinney and Denise Bean come from nearby Oregon City High School, recruits span the western hemisphere for this 1997 season. Jenny Hansen, perhaps the Cougars' top addition to the squad, comes from Division I Cal State University, Noelle Johnson comes from Alaska while Sina Gago hails from the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

"Jenny has some quickness and she'll help us out a lot," said Twain. "Sina has great athleticism and Noelle has just played exceptionally well. She's shown a lot of fundamental soundness."

One Clackamas player that was a big part of the Cougars' success last year who didn't always see a lot of playing time was Denise Bean.

"Denise has improved a ton since the end of last season," said Twain. "She's one of those players that can play at guard or post. Her shooting has improved greatly and she'll definitely see some playing time this year."

The team is very strong and diverse in skill which is a threat to any opponent. Whether Robbie Nix is fighting for a rebound or spotting up for a three, Nichole Hayden is shooting the fade away or Lauren Mohan is driving the lane, the Cougars have a potent offense.

"Because we're so diverse," said Twain, "we've spent a lot of time in practice working on our offense. In the past, I've focused more on defense in the preseason but this year we're going to have a pretty strong offense.

"If we get everybody back healthy and eligible, I really believe we can stick a combination of players on the floor that [opponents] can't defend."

"What's nice about having so many players returning," added Nix, "is that we've been to the championship before. We know how much it takes to get there now and we know how to get back to the championship."

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> Center

Young talent ready for upcoming season

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The Cougar basketball team is hoping young talent can overcome a lack of experience.

After finishing second to Chemeketa in the Southern Region last year, Head Coach Royce Kiser hopes his recruiting will pay off. Clackamas returns only one sophomore, Oscar Rodriguez, a 6'0" shooting guard. The Cougars also recruited a sophomore, J.J. Pilgreen, a 6'6" post. Pilgreen is a transfer from Montana State-Billings.

The other ten players on the roster are freshmen. Keenan Coleman, a 6'0" point guard from Beaverton, and Alfredo Villareal, a 6'0" point guard from McKay, will run the show for Coach Kiser.

Cody Eckman, a 6'0" shooting guard from Crook County, and 6'2" swingman Billy Bright from Aloha, should get some minutes at the two guard.

Josiah Lake, 6'3" from McKay, Roland Contreras, 6'2" from Woodburn, and Scott Riddle, 6'5" from Madras, will see action at wing.

Coach Kiser recruited three freshman posts. Billy Townsend, 6'8" from Barlow, David Cohen, 6'6" from Brookings, and Mike Holmes, 6'5" from Molalla, will be the Cougars' men in the middle.

Clackamas has played three scrimmages so far, coming away with one win and two losses. However, it's not the record that counts; it's how the team played.

"Our offense has really sputtered," said Kiser, referring to the early season scrimmages. "Our rebounding has improved but getting back on defense has been a problem."

Kiser feels like the team has a lot of talent, but recognizes the youth and inexperience. "It's a big jump from high school to college basketball," said Kiser. "We're going to have to play better [if we want to compete for the Southern Region title]."

Kiser was very pleased with his recruiting class, calling it one of his best. "We had a good recruiting year. It's just a matter of playing together."

According to Kiser, the early favorites to win the Southern Region are defending champion Chemeketa, Lane, Mt. Hood and Clackamas.

The Cougars begin the season on Friday, when they play in the Red Devil Classic at Lower Columbia Community College in Longview, WA. Clackamas opens the tournament against Yakima, a team Coach Kiser expects to be competitive. The double elimination tournament goes from Friday through Sunday.

Clackamas' home opener is on Wednesday, Dec. 3, when the Cougars take on Linfield JV at 8:00 in the Randall Hall Gymnasium.

Classifieds

West Linn Boy Scout Troop #149 begins its Annual Christmas Tree Sale at Hammerle Park --located on Highway 43 --West Linn Saturday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 21. The tree lot will be open weekdays, 4 to 8 p.m., weekends 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The selection includes beautiful, fresh cut Doug Firs, Grand Firs, and Noble Firs. GREAT PRICES!! PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS.

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