

Men's Basketball

Veteran squad starts strong

The Cougars are off to a good start in a year when big things are expected.

Led by a strong core of returning players and a handful of newcomers, first-year Head Coach Cliff Wegner's squad looks to be a contender this winter.

After winning its first game against Bellevue in the Lower Columbia Red Devils' Invitational Tournament, Clackamas fell to the host Red Devils, Saturday, but rebounded with a win over Clark on Sunday.

"We're right on schedule," noted Wegner. "Right now, we're getting a good offensive output from a number of players. We'll need to strengthen our defense in the next few weeks but I have to say that I am pleased with the way things are looking."

In the 83-80 loss, Clackamas was led by David Cohen with 24 points and 15 rebounds.

Against the Helmsmen of Bellevue, Jared Price had 19 points while Cody Eckman and Cohen each had 20 points to lead the Cougars to the 91-

89 victory.

On Sunday, Cohen led Clackamas past the Penguins with 29 points and eight rebounds in the 101-88 win.

"It's hard to say how things are going only three games into the season," noted Wegner. "I think we've developed a personality on the team that we are a very hard-working group of kids. Eventually we'll be a team that executes very well and plays very smart."

"We played three very good ballclubs," added Wegner, "and we came out with two wins. We had a shot at winning three games but we played very competitively. We saw a lot of very good things."

Coach Wegner's squad competes in the Olympic College Tournament in Bremerton, Wash. this Friday-Saturday.

The Cougars' first home game is against Clark College at 8 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Clackamas hosts the 1998 NWAACC Crossover Tournament Dec. 18-20.

Women's Basketball

Cougars power way to victory

The Clackamas women's basketball team may be experiencing some early season jitters.

After hosting an Invitational Tournament to open their 1998-99 schedule, the Cougars are 2-1 despite struggling from the field and the free throw line.

"It was a good start to the year," said first-year Head Coach Jim Martineau. "We had a tough time shooting the ball but we battled hard and won some games."

On Friday, Clackamas opened the tournament with a disappointing 75-71 loss to the Centralia Trailblazers from Washington.

"Centralia is much improved from last year," noted Martineau. "They've got a few big girls that hurt us in the first half and a great point guard that stepped up big for them in the second half."

"It was our first game of the year. If we played them four times in the year we'd win three out of those four."

The Cougars, the defending Southern Region

champions, responded on Saturday with a 78-62 win over the Shoreline Dolphins.

"Shoreline was one of the most athletic teams in the tournament," said Martineau. "It was a 16 point win for us, but it was much closer than that. They'll surprise some teams and win some big games this year."

With the win, Clackamas faced Clark College on Sunday.

Clackamas' Martineau and Clark Head Coach Trev Kiser were assistant coaches alongside each other two years ago.

Martineau's Cougars escaped with a thrilling 63-62 victory.

"Clark's a great team," said Martineau. "They'll win a lot of games this year."

Melinda Freeman leads team scoring after three games with 54 points while Nichole Hayden stands at 53. Hayden leads the team with 28 rebounds.

Clackamas hosts Lower Columbia College tonight at 7 p.m.

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audio was enhanced, lending validity to the contention that Lake called one thing (most likely heads) while Bettis called the other. This could have been a simple miscommunication, providing an explanation of where the "phantom heads" call came from.

Commissioned Paul Tagliabue had remarks of his own.

"The confusion during the Lions-Steelers coin toss was unfortunate. I have read the report of referee Phil Luckett and also have seen the comments of Steelers' players Carnell

Lake and Jerome Bettis. All three individuals have excellent reputations and are men of integrity, but their conflicting accounts do not resolve the matter."

Whatever the call truly was, the Lions ended up "winning" the toss, elected to receive and won on a 42-yard field goal by Jason Hanson after 2:52 had gone by in the overtime period. The Steelers never saw the ball.

During his postgame interview, Steelers head coach Bill Cowher said "I'm not saying we lost the game because of the officials, but it's a shame that this is the center

of focus after a game like that."

The National Football League announced Monday that it has modified the current procedures for the pregame and overtime coin tosses.

The league has refined some of the old procedures, which will be put into effect starting immediately [this weekend's games] in the hopes that a similar situation can be avoided in the future.

First off, the referee will now ask the visiting team captain to call heads or tails before the coin toss. In the previous procedure, the call was made while the coin was in the

air.

The second major modification is that the back judge and field judge, who walk the team captains to the center of the field, will now line up alongside their respective team captains throughout the coin toss ceremony [unlike the old process, in which these same two officials walked the team captains to mid-field, but did not stay for the actual toss.]

The hope here is that with three officials around, and the call made before the toss, that the confusion of a rushed call or a hearing error can be avoided.

"Our new procedures should make certain that the Thanksgiving Day incident is not repeated. Prior to Thanksgiving, we used the existing procedures for more than 20 years without a serious incident, and we expect our modifications to apply for 20 times 20 years," said Tagliabue.

I should hope they do; otherwise, the league will have to start making visiting captains write down their selection on paper, and who knows what else. If a little coin toss can cause so much commotion, just imagine how much trouble a botched Super Bowl call could cause.

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