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9/4 Lower Columbia Tourn.	Results-Win
9/7 Lower Columbia	Results-Win
9/8 Clark	Results-Win
9/11 Chemeketa Tournament	Results-Third Place
9/14 Lower Columbia	Results-Loss
9/15 Clark	Results-Win
9/17-18 Spokane Invitational	Results-Third place
9/22 Linn Benton CC	Results-Win
9/24 Southwestern CC	Results-Loss
9/25 Umpqua CC	Results-Win

Teamwork nets Cougars wins

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Kill! Dig in hard and deep. Volleyball season has officially opened and the Clackamas' girls' team has shown they have what it takes to go straight to the championships.

The first game of the season was the Lower Columbia Tournament in Longview, WA. That contest will not count in the overall standings, but since then, Clackamas has played 10 games and three more tournaments.

The girls practice daily to strengthen their skills and manage any weaknesses. According to Kathie Woods, head volleyball coach, the team is very close and committed to one another.

Friday, Sept. 24, Clackamas faced Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC), at Coos Bay. The Cougars had more errors than SWOCC in some areas, but were able to come back from a first-game loss to win the second game 15-3.

However, they lost that advan-

tage, losing the third and fourth games against SWOCC with final scores of 10-15 and 12-15.

"We're still making young mistakes, but we're learning," said Woods.

Saturday, Sept. 25, Clackamas

played against Umpqua Community College, at Umpqua. The Cougars devoured Umpqua, staying on top more than half the three-game contest, and earning final scores of 15-6, 15-7 and 15-6.

"The team is awesome, gener-

ally speaking," said Woods.

Oct. 1, Clackamas faced off against Lane Community College. After that slaughter, Clackamas stood victorious with a 15-2 score in each of the first two games, and a third winning score of 15-1.

The kill efficiency against Lane was 42%, the best Woods has seen during her 17 years at Clackamas. The team had two errors the entire match with 59 total attempts. Dasha Wakefield had no errors and 14 attempts in her attack.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, Clackamas lost to Mt. Hood ending a home-league match winning streak which dated back to Oct. 11, 1995. The home league winning streak is based on league games won at home, not including tournaments. Clackamas was hurt by the loss of one injured player, leaving only two substitute players. But the Cougars played tough, relinquishing the long-held record by only a few points. Final scores for the four games were 15-7; 15-13; 10-15 and 4-15.

According to Woods, this year's team leaders are sophomores, Nikki Tilton, known for her "inspiration" and "spark" during play; Jessica Rowley, considered the "go to person on offense," and Kimber York, the "setter leader on the court."

"The strength of a team is the teamwork," said Woods.

When asked how Woods hoped to end the season her answer was "Clackamas will be on top."



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Sophomore setter Kimber York (co-captain) shows her abilities at last year's North West Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championships. Clackamas finished second in the tournament. York returns this year to help build Clackamas to its former Volleyball glory.

V-Ball Roster

Player	No.
Eryn Wagner	1
Lindsey Fountain	2
Kimber York	3
Dasha Wakefield	5
Erin Spath	8
Teri Vanloo	9
Kalei Crisafi	10
Shelly Brannon	11
Nikki Tilton	12
Jessica Rowley	14

Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Oct. 6	Chemeketa CC	Home
Oct. 8-9 (TBA)	Umpqua X-over	Roseburg
Oct. 15	Southwestern CC	Home
Oct. 16	Umpqua CC	Home
Oct. 20	Linn Benton CC	Home
Oct. 22	Mt. Hood CC	Gresham
Oct. 27	Lane CC	Home
Oct. 29-30 (TBA)	Mt Hood Halloween	Gresham
Nov. 5-6 (TBA)	Walla Walla X-Over	WA
Nov. 10	Chemeketa CC	Salem
Nov. 12-13 (TBA)	NWAACC Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 18-20 (TBA)	NWAACC Champ.	Green River

All Volleyball matches will begin at 7 p.m unless otherwise specified

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