

Cougars roar to life in time for NWAACC

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Clackamas women's volleyball team has secured the number three seed spot to go on to the Walla Walla Crossover on Nov. 5-6.

The Cougar's roared into the victory with the win against Lane Community College. Clackamas slaughtered the Titans with a 99% serving average.

"We had a really good serving game," said Kathie Woods, head coach.

Eryn Wagner had seven serves with no errors, giving her a 44% personal average. Dasha Wakefield had four service aces and no errors.

"We had strength in every area," added Woods.

Final scores for the night were 15-12, 15-7, and 15-2.

"The win secured third place for the Southern Region," said Woods.

The Walla Walla Crossover is Nov. 5-6, and will have Clackamas playing the fourth seed holder SWOCC (South Western Oregon Community College). The winner will go onto the NWAACC

(Northwestern Athletics Association of Community Colleges) Championships to be held in Green

River. The losers will be done for the season. The top 12 teams of the Southern Division will play for the Championship title.

Clackamas attended the Mt. Hood Halloween Classic Oct. 29-30.

"Our goal was to be in the top two spots." "We made it!" "We were number two in our pool," said Woods.

Clackamas had a 95% serving average with a team overall game average of 1.71. However, the statistics of the tournament have no

bearing on the league standings. Clackamas currently has an overall league standing of sixth place for the Southern Division.

Final scores for the Halloween Classic were as follows: CCC vs. Pierce 16-14, 12-15, 16-16, vs. Big Bend 10-15, 15-5, 15-10, vs. Clark 15-11, 15-9, vs. Spokane 5-15, 5-15, 11-15, vs. Lower Columbia 15-11, 15-12, 11-15, 10-15, 15-10, and vs. Pierce 6-15, 3-15, 6-15.

"Right now the team is in the process of building and getting stronger and stronger," said Woods. "Of course, there's tons of things that I want better, but I think if we look at the overall picture we are making some nice steps towards our play-off games which will enable us to go to NWAACC," said Woods.



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Kalei Crisafi prepares to defend Cougars' position against SWOCC to go into the NWAACC Playoffs On Nov. 12-13.

Wakefield powers the points for Clackamas

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Dasha Wakefield (G.I. Jane) was honored for her hard work and leadership in Cougar volleyball women's play for the week of Oct. 25-30.

Wakefield is a 1999 graduate of Banks High School and currently resides in Oregon City with her best friend. She has a seven-year old sister and a one and a half-year old brother.

This is Wakefield's first year at Clackamas. She is majoring in

criminology and psychology.

She has played volleyball since she was in the seventh grade.

"My favorite sport was basketball, but I played volleyball in my free time, then in high school I loved volleyball more," said Wakefield.

When Wakefield was asked what has been her favorite moment at Clackamas, she answered, "I

don't have a favorite moment, but the people here are really nice. I love meeting new people and I

constantly see new faces."

Wakefield feels her best individual performance was against Linn-Benton.

"I don't think I had 100% serves, but it was really close." "I had like, four service aces and I didn't have that many hitting errors," said Wakefield.

She will stay at Clackamas for the next year to see where it takes her.



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Dasha Wakefield
Outside Hitter



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Dasha Wakefield shows her power as Outside Hitter in preparation to face-off against many of the top seeds in the Southern division. She has been recognized as Cougar Player of the Week for Oct. 25-30 for her leadership skills. She is known for her jump serve that in the beginning had too much power, but has helped to give Clackamas the points with service aces.

Correction

Shelly Brannon was Player of the Week for Oct. 18-23 and Nikki Tilton was Player of the Week for Oct. 11-16.

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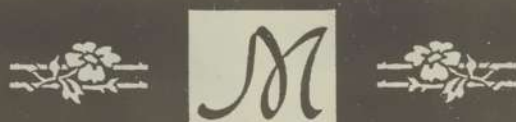
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