

Women's Basketball

Cougars face top-ranked Umpqua at home

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The women's basketball squad has been perfect at 4-0 two weeks into the league schedule.

CCC vs. UCC
Who: Clackamas vs. Umpqua
When: Tonight
Where: Home

That perfect mark, however, could come to a halt tonight as the Cougars face top-ranked Umpqua at home. The visiting Timberwomen, coming off their first loss of the

year to defending conference champion Chemeketa last Saturday, have been the team to beat over the past decade.

"Umpqua has a very good program," noted Clackamas Head Coach Jim Martineau. "They've had a difficult time playing here these past couple of seasons, though."

The past two years, the team from Roseburg has come into the Randall Gym top-ranked. The past two years, they suffered losses.

"We're in a good position right now," said Martineau. "These first two weeks, we've played on

the road against teams that we should probably beat and we've done that. We haven't had very many home games ... we haven't played here in about a month ... but I'd like to think that we've been pretty successful at home."

Overall, Clackamas is 13-5 and recently picked up wins against Lane on Saturday and Mt. Hood last Wednesday.

Against the Lane Titans, the

Cougars exploded in the first half to take a 42-17 lead at the break before going on to win 78-60.

A core of freshmen led the way for Martineau's team as Kathryn Kettles and Mary Murphy each had 12 points while Amanda Lee continued to dominate underneath the basket scoring 11. Kettles grabbed 10 rebounds.

Against a less talented squad, Clackamas players came off the bench to outscore Lane's reserves 31-8.

Against the Saints of Mt. Hood, Lee led all scorers with 21 points while sophomore guards Michelle Thueson and Trina Rogers scored 14 and 12, respectively. Murphy recorded 12 points while getting 10 rebounds. As a team, the Cougars out-rebounded the Saints 47-21 in the 77-63 victory.

"We've been playing great defense," noted Martineau. "Our offense has been slow to start at times but our defense has been really strong."

"Against Mt. Hood, our defense kept us in the game before we finally started making some baskets. Mt. Hood has some good shooters, they just don't have the size to

much up to us.

"With Lane, again our defense was excellent," added Martineau. "I was impressed with the five or six players that they could play but their roster was a little depleted."

With the two wins, Clackamas sits in a three-way tie for first place in the Southern Region along with Chemeketa and Southwestern Oregon.

With the Timberwomen's loss to



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Sophomore Kirsten Richards drives past Mt. Hood's Annie Hesler in a 77-63 victory for the Cougars.

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Head Coach

Chemeketa, Umpqua is now in second place. Another loss could hurt their chances to repeat as region champion.

After the Cougars face Umpqua tonight, they'll regroup for a home game on Saturday against Southwestern Oregon.

"This is a big week for us," noted Martineau. "It would be nice to get two wins this week and then go down and face Chemeketa next

week. "Umpqua's coming off a loss so they'll be fired up and ready to go. (The Timberwomen) are big and athletic. They've got four or five girls that are six feet or taller. Until last Saturday, they've been beating teams by 30 or 40 points each night. "If we can keep them under 70 points, then we'll win the ballgame," noted Martineau. "If they score up over 80 then they'll

win. On defense, we've got to hold them to one shot each trip down the floor. If we give up over 20 offensive rebounds to them, like we've done in the past down at their place, then we'll have a tough time." Coach Martineau feels confident playing at home with the amount of crowd support the team has seen this season. "When people come here, they know that it's a tough place to play."

Mosho and Pepe are two student writers voicing their opinions on various topics surrounding the sports world. While their remarks may be crude, rude or even a little obscene at times, they are strictly for entertainment purposes. This issue is the inaugural printing of their work, and in celebration the two decided to present a 'Kudos, Blows' edition to let the readers know where they stand on certain topics. If we offend anybody in our conversations or cartoons ... too bad.

Kudos, Blows



Mosho

PEPE: Kudos to Sean King for taking the Bucs to the playoffs.
MOSHO: Kudos to Marshall Faulk on being named NFL Offensive Player of the Year.
PEPE: Blows to WWF for giving Trekkies something else to watch.
MOSHO: Kudos to Vince McMahon of the WWF for being a "man among boys."
MOSHO: Blows to Mike Holmgren for losing 5 of 6 for the Seahawks.
MOSHO: Kudos to OJ for getting

off.
PEPE: Blows to Brett Favre ... go back to rehab.
PEPE: Kudos to the NRA for hanging in there.
PEPE: Kudos to Kyle Bracy for taking it to the rack.
MOSHO: Blows to OSU football ... don't get too excited.
PEPE: Blows to Jerry Jones ... you're an idiot.
MOSHO: Kudos to Jason Williams ... you're just the man!

PEPE: Ditto.
PEPE: Kudos to John Rocker ... preach it.
MOSHO: Ditto.
PEPE: Kudos to Chevis ... like the name.
MOSHO: Kudos to Dasha ... nice arms babe.
PEPE: Blows to Dave Lemen ... how YOU doin'?
MOSHO: Blows to Jim Jackson ... it's called home-court advantage buddy.



Pepe