



[Far left] Ammon Bemis elevates and shoots over a Chemeketa defender in the Cougars' final home game two weeks ago.



[Left] Michelle Thueson shows off her skills for the crowd as she weaves between Chemeketa players.

Both Cougar basketball teams lose final three games of year

Men's Hoops

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The Cougar Squad could not quite bounce back from their back-to-back double overtime losses last week. The result brought the team's season to an early end, leaving them tied for third place (9-5) in league with Chemeketa.

The game that brought the season to a close was a 63-76 loss against Southwestern Oregon. According to Head Coach Wegner, the team played with a lot of heart and character, but came up short of the league champs for the third time this season.

"I thought that we played with a lot of guts and determination; it's a tough assignment, it's a tough job, but that's what you get for finishing the way that we finished," said Wegner. "It was a very close ball game; it could have easily swung the other way, I mean if it was one of our kids that stepped up and hit three-three's then it probably would have gone the other way."

In the 1999-2000 Southern Division ALL STAR standing, Nate Block was the only freshman that finished first team. Kyle Bracy finished in the second team, Chris Lohrey got honorable mention, and Lohrey and Mike Fisher made All Frosh Team.

"I feel good, we were basically a young freshman team, we were picked sixth in the league and ended up in a third place tie," explained Wegner.

According to Wegner, all five of the starters finished among the top scorers in North West Athletic Association Of Community College (NWACC), making Clackamas the most balanced team in the Northwest: Fisher, 15.5 ppg; Block, 12.3 ppg; Lohrey, 11.9 ppg; Bracy 11.7 ppg; and Ammon Bemis, 9.1 ppg.

Block finished sixth in the NWACC in field goal percentage, at 59%. Among the rebounding leaders, Block was the NWACC champion, with 11.6 per game. Lohrey finished 15th, with 8.4 per game.

The team will get the bulk of their freshman players back next year. In addition, Casey Kinney is expected to return. Kinney played last season but was unable to play this

year due to a hip injury.

"I think that we should be very good next year; I think that we should be better then we were this season. We have the core of our post kids are coming back they have been the best post kids in the league this year," said Wegner.

"We return Mike Fisher who is our leading scorer, Tom Lennox is back, we have Casey Kinney who had surgery this year," he added.

"He is going to give us a lot of shooting and leadership. We return two point guards, so we have ten players that are going to return, that is pretty good. I am excited and optimistic about next year's team."

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Head Coach

Women's Hoops

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Clackamas lost to second-ranked Umpqua last Thursday in a loser-out playoff game to end the Cougars' 1999-2000 campaign.

The team, four sophomores and seven freshmen, finished the year with a 17-12 overall record.

Umpqua's 89-60 victory over Clackamas in Roseburg left the visitors with three losses on their schedule to close out the season.

Clackamas' Jim Martineau, who finished his second season as a head coach, was pleased by the performance of his players against the over-sized, heavily-favored Timberwomen.

"With a few minutes to go in the first half," said Martineau, "we were only down by one point but then Umpqua went on a bit of a run. In the second half, there was a point when I think some of the players kind of felt that they were doomed and that the season was over so they might have let down

a little bit."

When asked about the Southern Region's two teams that will move on to the conference tournament this weekend, Martineau spoke highly of these opponents.

"Talent-wise, Umpqua and Chemeketa are the best in the Northwest," noted Martineau. "I don't mind so much losing to teams like that. We could have beaten Southwestern Oregon though. It's disappointing that they were able to beat us twice. We're a better team than that."

According to the conference's coaches polls, the Cougars didn't upset anybody in their region and they didn't get upset by anybody.

Three Southern Region schools were ranked in the top eight. Clackamas finished fourth behind those three teams.

For the year, freshman Amanda Lee led Clackamas with an average of 13 points per game, while freshman Mercedes Juarez averaged 11.2 ppg.

Sophomore point guard

Michelle Thueson scored 10.3 ppg and led the team in assists per game with 6.3.

The graduation of four sophomores leaves Martineau with a huge hole to fill without a point guard returning to the roster next year.

This may bode well for the Cougars, however, because at the end of the 1996 season, the squad needed to fill a vacant point guard spot.

The next season, Clackamas made it all the way to the conference championship before losing to none other than Umpqua.

All four graduating players have received attention from four-year universities—Trina Rogers is expected to attend a college on a track scholarship, Thueson should move on with a basketball scholarship, Nikki Tilton anticipates a volleyball scholarship offer and Kirsten Richards is undecided in whether or not to pursue her softball or basketball career.

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