

## Cougars down, but not out



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**Eryn Wagner helped lead the Cougars both offensively and defensively against Linn-Benton Wednesday.**

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The Cougars lost to the undefeated Mt. Hood Saints in a game lacking in communication and service returns.

The Saints beat the Cougars in three straight matches Friday night despite some good volleys and a great defensive effort off the net.

Lack of communication between the Cougar women allowed the Saints to come out and control the first game with tough services that left the Cougars scrambling. The Saints took the first game 15-2.

"The whole problem was serve receive," said Head Coach Kathy Woods. "We just didn't get our feet there to pass the ball."

The Cougars bit back in the second game, jumping to an early 6-0 lead. The Saints rallied back and caught the Cougars at eight all. Communication began to break down again, with the Cougars allowing the Saints to come back for a 15-11 win.

The dispirited Cougars never regained momentum as they were topped in game 3 by the Saints 15-5, sweeping the Cougars at home.

The Cougars' loss to Linn-Benton Wednesday and the subsequent loss to the Saints puts the Cougar record at 5-5, knocking them back to 4th place in the Southern Region. Their current record clinches a spot in the North West Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championships.

"We don't have to win, we can keep working on it with our goal towards the NWACC," commented Woods. "We have three weeks to prepare for it, so no pressure in those three weeks."

Eryn Wagner and Lisa Free led the Cougars both offensively and defensively against Linn-Benton Wednesday. Wagner had 14 kills and 19 digs, while Free had 12 kills, 20 digs and one ace. Cristina Merrill had a great offensive game against the Saints with 10 kills.

Misty Bernhardt's outstanding performance, filling in for Shelly Brennan at the middle block position, earned her the Clackamas player of the week award.

## Cross Country has lull before championships

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It was just another day at the races for the Cougars Cross Country team this weekend as the Women took second and the Men took third at the Bigfoot Open in Spokane, WA.

"By our standards, which were set to be extremely high, we had kind of a down week," claimed Head Coach Mike Hickey of the men, even though they placed 2nd at the community college level. "We ran about 30 seconds off of what we are capable of."

The men placed 3rd out of 14 overall, being beaten only by Eastern Oregon University and Spokane Community College. The Cougars beat out three community colleges and nine university level teams.

Hickey blamed the down week to a tough training schedule the two weeks prior.

"We trained hard the week before and I felt that this would happen," said Hickey. "Sometimes you have to sacrifice middle of the season meets, or even the beginning of the season meets, for the late season meets. You don't always show everything you have."

The women had a good meet beating out Clark on the tiebreaker for second place. Four Cougar runners finished in the top ten and all seven runners finished before Clark's top five.

"We have a very deep women's team, we just need a

couple of front runners to step up," said Hickey. "We know we're capable of doing it."

Both teams are ranked second in Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) standings according to Hickey. Both teams are expected to have a big race in this coming weekend's Southern Region Championship in Gresham. Clark will more than likely be the Cougars' biggest competitor at this weekend's race.

Female runner of the week Tiffany Winsor finished 8th in community colleges and 2nd for the Cougars. Male runner of the week Brad Brolin finished

first for the Cougars, 4th at the community college level and 14th over all. This was Brolin's first number one spot for the Cougars.

The men also had strong finishes by Allan Harrison and C. J. Savage. The women had strong finishes by Sarah Block, the number one for the Cougars, and by Jennie Hardie and Mandy Block. Sherry Brenton is an up and coming runner, finishing strong in what is only her second race of the season and demonstrating she will be a key player in the up-coming championships.

## Athlete of the Week

*Brad Brolin*

- Hometown: Corvallis, OR
- Year in school: Freshman

Brad Brolin came to Clackamas as a walk-on (non-scholarship) athlete, and has excelled in a very competitive environment. His mental toughness, discipline, and dedication to the sport have been his greatest assets. Consistency is the key to his success. Brad is now on an athletic scholarship and is a key component of the team and championship dreams.



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**Brad Brolin, #311**

## Athlete of the Week

*Tiffany Winsor*

- Hometown: Woodburn, OR
- Year in school: Sophomore
- Awards: Team Captain, Academic All-American

Tiffany Winsor also came to Clackamas as a walk-on athlete. Over the years Tiffany has shown the work ethic and consistency that most successful athletes possess, earning a college scholarship and respect from her peers. Her academic success is unmatched on a team of very successful students, earning her the respect and admiration of her teammates and coaches.



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**Tiffany Winsor, #813**

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