

Men's B-Ball sweeps opener

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The Cougar men swept the competition at the Red Devil Classic Tournament in Longview, WA this weekend.

The Cougars went into the tournament three men short, including starting point guard Mark Cambell, due to transcript processing. Not knowing what to expect, the Cougars started Freshman Michael Kuebler, who had never played a game of college ball in his life.

Kuebler showed he was not to be taken lightly as he scored 19 points against Seattle. The Cougars were up 58-27 at half time and never looked back as they went on to win 105-75. Sophomore Mike Fisher led the Cougars in points with 25. Sophomore Nate Block pulled off a double double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.



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Sophomore Forward Jennifer Lane dribbles the ball in practice during a game of bump.

"I don't think that in 25 years of coaching I've had a team play so well the first half of the first game," said Head Coach Cliff Wegner. "We were just putting on a clinic of attacking, pushing the ball up the floor, getting easy baskets and pushing the ball up the floor."

The next game did not come as easily for the Cougars. Clark gave Clackamas a run for their money, leading 46-42 at the half as Kuebler was held to only two points. Not to be daunted, Kuebler came back to score 19 more points to battle the Cougars within two. With time running down Fisher sunk a key three-point shot to give the Cougars a one point lead. With what Wegner defined as a big stop defensively combined with two free throws by Kuebler, the Cougars bounced back from the clutches of defeat with an 89-86 win. Kuebler

led the Cougars with 23 and Block pulled off his second double double of the night with 20 points and 18 rebounds.

Game three pitted the Cougars against the home team, Lower Columbia, for the tournament championship. The game was riddled with what Wegner referred to as "tainted calls" by the home town officials. Undaunted by the sway of the whistle, the Cougars led 39-31 at half time.

"Some very creative whistles kind of made it close," said Wegner. "The men got a little flustered but played through it."

Lower Columbia pulled within two points at 77-75 before the Cougars put them away with a score of 93-83 at the buzzer. Kuebler again led the Cougars in points with 23. Block once again dominated both ends of the court, con-

tributing his third double double with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

The Cougars' pre-season will continue this weekend with the Olympic Tournament in Bremerton, WA. The only home game of the pre-season will be Tue Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. against the Brisbane Australian Team. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support for the Cougar Men and meet the basketball team from Australia.



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Freshman Mat Tondreau slam dunks the ball.

Cougars quell tough Storm

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A strong defensive effort and back to back three pointers from Sophomore Kathryn Kettles helped the women clinch an 81-68 win against the Chemeketa Storm in the final round of the Thanksgiving invitational at home last weekend.

Clackamas began their pre-season by playing host to the Women's Thanksgiving Invitational over the weekend. The Cougars will play six pre-season games and two tournaments before league play begins January 10 which, according to Head Coach Jim Martineau, promises to be a tough Southern Region. With five veteran sophomores and six promising freshmen, the Cougars are ready for the upcoming season.

"I'm really excited about the outlook

of the season," said Martineau. "We have a good group of really athletic women."

The team was ready to put their practice to practical use Friday night but was disappointed when Pierce did not show up for the tournament and the Cougars received a bye, forcing them to sit out the first night of competition. The forfeit placed the Cougars into the winners bracket pitting them against the Northern Washington-based team, Whatcom.

Four Cougars scored in double figures as Clackamas defeated Whatcom 80-60. Sophomore guard Mercedes Juarez and freshman guard Kayla Steen both came up strong with Juarez getting 16 points and 6 assists and Steen scoring 18 and pulling down 9 rebounds.

"It was never close," said Martineau. "We were up 30 at the half."

The Cougars knew their next opponent would not fall as easily. Moving on to the championship round, Clackamas faced league rival

Chemeketa Storm Sunday night.

"Their team is probably picked to win the league," said Martineau.

Defense was the name of the game as the Cougars' shooting game dipped, according to Martineau. The game stayed within 5-6 points until, with about three minutes left in the 4th quarter, Kettles hit a pair of shots from beyond the arc to pull away from the on-coming Storm. After that the Cougars never looked back as they rode out the Storm and won 81-68.

Steen led the Cougars in scoring with 26 points, giving the boost the Cougars needed. Freshman guard Lawly Redner had a great game coming off the bench with 11 points including a couple of big three-point shots of her own. Freshman forward Jennie Koach showed great intensity on the boards, pulling down 17 rebounds.

"It was a good game and good way to start the year," commented Martineau. "It's definitely a confidence builder."

Cougar V-Ball places fifth

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After finishing the year with a record of 5-7, the Cougar volleyball team was hoping to make a good showing last weekend at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College (NWAACC) Championships.

And that's exactly what they did. After playing four games, the Cougars ended up with a tie for 5th out of the 16 teams that participated.

Clackamas started the tournament out against CBC, who beat them in three straight matches, 4-15, 7-15 and 6-15. After that initial loss, the Cougars came back to win their next two games, which were against Edmonds and Skagit valley. The Cougars', fourth and final game was against Linn-Benton, a team that has played well against them throughout the season. The winner of that match went on to play in the final four. Although the Cougars gave it all they had, Linn-Benton ended up the winner, 17-15, 15-13 and 15-9.

Overall, the Cougars are pretty

satisfied with the way the tournament went.

"The season ended on a high note", said Coach Kathie Woods. "We came back very strong."

Of the four teams that the Cougars played, the two that beat them went on to take the second and third place positions. The top spot went to tournament host Mt. Hood. 2nd place went to Linn-Benton, CBC took 3rd and Chemeketa claimed 4th.

The Cougars got some much-needed support from Cristina Merrill, who had 46 kills, 8 blocks and 35 digs. Lisa Free contributed with 33 kills, 5 service aces and 53 digs. Sarah Entenman had 4 service aces, 146 assists and 44 digs. Shelly Brannon also helped with 7 blocks and 35 kills, with a 40.6 percent kills average over the weekend.

Now that the season is over, the Cougar Volleyball Awards Banquet will be held on Dec. 13. Tickets are \$10 per person, and will be available through Dec. 6. Contact a volleyball player if you have any questions, or to purchase tickets.

10th Annual Turkey Trot



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Top: 14 competitors walked or ran in this year's Turkey Trot Nov. 21. The top Male and Female runners took home a turkey as did the winner of a drawing among all competitors.

Right: Winners Matt Solosabal and Sabrina Arrayan show off their prize turkeys.



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