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Cougar men's b-ball team controls court

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The men's basketball team had a convincing win against the Pierce Raiders and squeaked by the Olympic Rangers to win the Olympic Tournament in Bremerton, WA this weekend.

Despite being down 42-41 at half time, the Cougars out-rebounded and out-scored the Raiders to win 95-85 Saturday in the first round of the tournament.

"We really controlled the ball game from the interior," said Head Coach Cliff Wegner of the game against the Raiders. "It was basically our inside power game that did them in."

Sophomore Chris Lohrey had a great start to his season, scoring 22 points against the Raiders. Nate Block led the way in scoring with a season high 30 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Mark Cambell had a great start at point guard after a transcript delay kept him out of the first tournament. Cambell scored 14 for the Cougars.

Sunday found the Cougars playing

against the home team favorite Olympic Rangers. The Cougars came out strong and quickly took a 31-11 lead. The Rangers climbed back into the game to make it a ten-point game at the half with a score of 39-29.

"They actually had us down in the second half," said Wegner. "Down the stretch we were able to pull away and win a close game."

The Rangers outscored the Cougars by seven points in the second half and hit a three point shot at the buzzer, but it wasn't enough as the Cougars defeated the Rangers 79-76. Mike Kuebler showed again that he is the freshman to watch this year as he scored a game high 27 points, earning the tournament MVP. Mike Fisher also had a solid game with 16 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals. Nate Block and Mark Cambell were also named all tournament.

Friday the Cougars travel to California for a very prestigious tournament.

"We're invited because we are the best team in the Northwest," said Wegner "We are really flattered to be thought of that way."

Women win 1, lose 1

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The Clackamas women's basketball blew away Blue Mountain Community College, and received its first loss to the Columbia Basin Hawks this weekend.

The Cougars traveled to Pendleton Friday to face Blue Mountain. Clackamas, led by sophomore Mercedes Juarez, jumped out to lead 36-27 at the half.

"We really turned it on the second half," said Head Coach Jim Martineau.

The Cougars outscored Blue Mountain 55-23 in the second half to win the game 91-50. Juarez had a strong game, missing only two field goals all night and scoring a season high 32 points. Jennie Kooch also came up big with 18 points, 17 rebounds and 3 steals.

Saturday brought the Cougars to Pasco, WA to face the Columbia Ba-

sin Hawks. The Cougars were unprepared for the onslaught they would suffer. The first 10 minutes of the game were close until the Cougars fell in on themselves and dropped to 33-22 at the half.

"Mentally I don't think we brought any toughness to the game," commented Martineau. "We kind of expected to walk out and play like we had been playing."

Not much improved for the Cougars in the second half. Even though they scored seven more points than the first half, their shooting percentage fell to 26%. The Hawks capitalized on this and scored 39 in the half to put the Cougars away 51-72.

"It was kind of a poor effort on the second day of a long road trip," said Martineau.

Clackamas will face Blue Mountain again Friday night at 7 p. m. at home. This will be the Cougars' last home game until Jan. 17.



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Sophomore and team captain Jason Pence takes down his teammate in practice Monday. Pence has been rated number one in the nation by the NJCAA for his weight class.

Wrestling team #6 in nation

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The Cougar wrestling squad faces second-ranked Ricks College at home tomorrow night as they attempt to improve upon their National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) rating of six.

Clackamas jumped up to sixth as they beat former top-ranked Masquigan, dropping the former number one ranked team to ten. This makes three

top ten teams that have fallen to the Cougars this season.

"We've got some incredible wrestlers this year," said Head Coach Lloyd Martindale. "This could be one of the best teams that Clackamas has ever had."

Sophomores Jason Pence, Kjel Nykriem and Shawn Keinonen are this year's team captains. Pence is currently ranked number one in the nation at 184lbs, and, according to Martindale, is expected to drop to 174 and still be ranked

number one. Nykriem is also expected to be ranked number one in his weight division when he moves off of the injured list and Keinonen is expected to be rated but.

"We're out to make an impact," commented Martindale. "Other than that we're just hoping to get some good support from the college."

Martindale hopes for a large crowd tomorrow at 7 p. m. in Randall Gym to support the men in white and blue.

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Cougar Soccer

Come see the Cougar co-ed soccer team play against Portland State University Saturday Dec. 5 at 2 p. m. on the soccer field.

Players needed: come to practice Wednesday at 2 p. m. to assure a spot on the team for Saturday's game.



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