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The Clackamas women huddle together to make plans to gain the lead in overtime at Chemeketa. The Cougars lost to the storm by a heartbreaking three points.

Lady Cougars blow out Linn-Benton

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The Cougar women's basketball team played two very different styles of games this week.

Wednesday's game at Chemeketa was a relatively low scoring, defensive game. Neither team scored above 70, even with overtime.

At the end of the first half, the Cougars were up by two. But the Storm came back to tie the game at the end of regulation, sending it into overtime. At the beginning of

OT, it was anybody's game. But at the end, it belonged to Chemeketa 66-63.

"We had a chance to win," said Head Coach Jim Martineau.

Not that they didn't try. Mercedes Juarez had 33 big points, and Jennie Kooch controlled the backboards, grabbing 14 rebounds.

After that heartbreaking OT loss, the Cougars played on Saturday at Linn-Benton. While the Chemeketa game was low scoring, the Linn-Benton game was ALL scoring.

"This was probably our best shooting game," commented Martineau.

With a team shooting 62 percent, it was hard for Linn-Benton to keep up. After four quarters of excellent shooting, it's no surprise that Clackamas won by 14, with a final score of 100-86.

Kathryn Kettles was the leading scorer, with 25 points. She also had

6 rebounds and 5 assists. Kayla Steen finished with 23 points and 6 assists. Mercedes Juarez finished with 18 points, and Amanda Lee had 7 rebounds to go with her 16 points.

The Cougars are now 4-2 in league games. This week both games are at home. Wednesday they play Portland Community College and on Saturday they play Lane. Games begin at 6 p.m.

Wrestling squad goes to Championships

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Sports Editor

The Cougar Wrestling squad will go to the Region 18 Championships in Yakima, WA this Friday.

Clackamas is currently ranked sixth in the nation and is expected to do well at regionals.

"It's all a matter of attitude," said Head Coach Lloyd Martindale. "When they step on the mat, take their opponent seriously and prepare for a war their tough."

Key wrestlers for the Cougar include undefeated Kjell Nykreim and number one ranked Jason Pence.

The National Junior College Athletic Association Championships will be held Feb. 16-17 in Rochester, MN.

Wrestler's attending Championships

Wrestler's attending Championships	Weight Class
Andrew Murphy	125
Leonard Dunn	133
Ryan Frashour	149
Josh Rhoden	157
Shawn Keinonen	165
Austin Lawrence	174
Kjell Nykreim	184
Jason Pence	197
Justin Elliot	285

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