

## Cougars claw their way to victory, ripping apart the opposition

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The Cougar women are on a roll! This week, while playing two games in front of a home crowd, they blew out both Portland and Lane Community Colleges.

First up were the Portland Panthers who, unlike Clackamas, are at the bottom of the league. And they certainly played like a team which was struggling. By the end of the first half, the Cougars were leading by 26 points.

"The first half we played well," said Assistant Coach P.J.

Martineau. "During the second half, it was hard to keep our intensity because we were up by so much."

Despite their slight problems with intensity, the Cougars were still all over the Panthers in the second half. This game was over long before the clock ran out. But when it finally did, the Cougars walked with an easy victory, 89-52.

Top players for Clackamas included Kayla Steen, who had an all-around good game, with 16 points, 7 rebounds and 6 assists. She was also 4 for 6 from beyond the three-point line.

Kathryn Kettles poured in 21 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Mercedes Juarez also helped out with 21 points and 8 assists.

Even after the great performance by the Cougars on Wednesday, they weren't finished. They came back on Saturday night to do battle with the Lane Titans. The Titans were a better match-up for the Cougars. That's why the Cougars were only up by 5 points at halftime. But it didn't stay that way for long.

"We played pretty solid," commented Martineau. "Especially in the second half."

Once the second half began, it was all Clackamas. Their good shooting helped them win this one by 16, with a final score of 83-67. Kathryn Kettles had a very good game with 17 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists.

Kayla Steen had 16 points and 5 assists. Mercedes Juarez scored 21 points.



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# 24 Lawly Redner makes a pass from half court last Wednesday against the Portland Community College Panthers.

With these wins, Clackamas is now just one game away from first place. Their next home game is to-

night against Mt. Hood Community College. The game begins at 6 p.m.

*"We played pretty solid, especially in the second half."*

Jim Martineau  
Head Coach  
Women's Basketball

## Clackamas sends five wrestlers to nationals

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Sports Editor

The Cougars will be sending five men to the National Junior College Athletic Association Wrestling Championships in Rochester, Minn. Feb. 16-17.

"The five that got through are all capable of All-American status," said Head Coach Lloyd Martindale.

Kjell Nykreim continued his undefeated record Friday night as he took first in the 184-pound division at the Region 18 Championships in Yakima, Wash. Two of Nykreim's

matches came down to the last few seconds with a one or two point win.

Nykreim never even placed at the state level in high school. He got the opportunity to wrestle in community college and never looked back. Now with the regional under his belt, Nykreim looks to a national championship.

"I always knew I could compete at a better level," said Nykreim. "My biggest motivation is my wife and my two boys."

Jason Pence and Shawn Keinonen, both returning regional champions, took second in the re-

gional tournament. Keinonen wrestled at the 165-pound level and Pence at the 197-pound weight class up two classes from his previous weight class in which he was rated number one. Although he is a bit smaller than the other competitors in his class, Pence believes he has an advantage.

"Physically I've got a step ahead of them because I'm a lot lighter and I don't have to worry about what I'm eating," said Pence. "Right up to the match, that's going to be one of my benefits when I prepare mentally."

Ryan Frashour took third at the 149-

pound level and Josh Rhoden took fourth at the 157-pound class. Both lost really close matches, according to Martindale.

"Any of those guys can be in the finals in Minnesota," said Martindale. "I'm looking forward to it. I think we have a good solid group of guys going."

The wrestlers are as excited as the coach.

"I think if we wrestle to our ability, we can be one of the top three in the country," said Nykreim. "We have the ability to each win an individual championship."

### Intramurals

#### Basketball-

Players needed. 5 on 5 full court. Show up Tuesdays and/or Thursdays to possibly get on a team starting tomorrow.

#### 3 on 3 coed Volleyball

Teams must be coed. The mini tournament will be held after the completion of the BB league (In March--on Tue./Thur. Noon-12:50 p.m.). Get your entry form at the Intramural Bulletin Board, located on the lower level of Randall Hall. Deadline for entries will be Thursday, March 1.

For more information, contact Kathie Woods, R003 (ext. 2418) or see the I.M board.

#### Soccer

Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Games will be on Saturdays, dates TBA.



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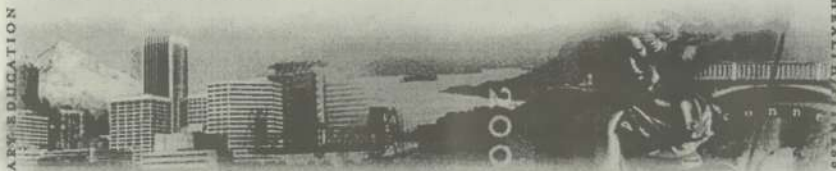


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