

## Cougars win one, lose one



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The Cougar's Julie Dancer sets the ball for Jeannette Lee in a recent volleyball match.

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A victory over Linn-Benton on Wednesday and a loss to Mount Hood leaves the Cougars volleyball team with a 20-11 overall record and a league record of 4-6 with only two regular season game left to play.

In the match against Linn-Benton, last Wednesday, the Cougars dominated their opponent, winning the first, third and fourth sets by at least seven points in each game. Corinne Lawrence led the team in kills with 12, followed by Lori Free with 10. Julie Dancer was the assist leader with 28, and Jeannette Lee committed six blocks on the defensive side. In serves, Misty Bernhardt tossed up four aces and had no serving errors, while Amy Klusmann had a perfect 100 percent and had a serve-to-receive ratio of 2.41 on a three-point scale.

On Friday against Mount Hood, the Cougars committed costly unforced errors, losing

the three games 17-30, 25-30 and 25-30. The team leader in kills for Clackamas was Raine Miller with eight, while Sarah Entenman was first in attack percentage at 31 percent. Entenman was also the assist leader with 13 and Free had 13 blocks, the best for the Cougars against Mount Hood.

The next opponent for Clackamas is Lane Community College, a team that the Cougars trounced in their last battle at the Clackamas Cross-over. If the Cougars defeat Lane once again, they will be assured at least a playoff for the fourth spot in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championships to be held in November.

As it stands right now, the largest challenger to the Cougars' trip to the NWAACC championships is Umpqua Community College. Umpqua has a 3-7 league record and will attempt to prevent Clackamas from obtaining a berth in the NWAACCCs.



## Still our past time

By Nick Barron

Originally, I had penned a column full of statistics and complaints geared towards the New York Yankees for this week. It was my intention to prove to whoever would read my weekly feature that the Yankees did not deserve another World Series, and that the Mariners were the team that obviously had the right to be in the Fall Classic. Then on Monday night, in game five of the American League championship series, the Mariners lost to the Bronx Bombers.

As I saw on the television the jubilation among the Yankees, complete with pumping fists and big hugs, I knew it was different this time. In previous years the Yankees would have been running around the field like little kids who received that ultimate Christmas present from Santa, and eventually spraying champagne all over themselves once they entered their locker room. But not this year. In 2001, with their city just over a month removed from a nightmarish terrorism attack, the Yankees' celebration was subdued and reverent.

I continued watching the Yankees celebrate mildly before their fans, and then listened as Sinatra crooned about New York City over the loud speakers.

Joe Torre sauntered over to his wife, who was in the stands, and gave her a kiss and a hug. The Yankee manager's next stop was to the side of New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who stepped onto the field when Torre approached and gave the skipper a good pat on the back.

I reflected on pictures of Babe Ruth leaning on a borrowed bat to say goodbye to the Yankee fans

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before he passed away and Mantle slapping a shot into left field. My mind wondered what it would have been like to hear Gehrig's "greatest man alive" speech, or to root for a team that you knew was magic. A team that steps onto the field while being watched upon by the likes of DiMaggio, Ruth, Mantle and Gehrig, an organization with so much history that it owns major-league baseball.

Suddenly, I lost my bitterness at

watching another American League pennant go to the Yankees. As I watched, I began to feel a peace that baseball had never given me before. It seemed that at that moment, at the epicenter of a nation's crisis, people were standing and cheering for a baseball team. Normal people like me were able to forget about their neighbors who were murdered and they seemed able to ignore the anthrax attacks, if only for a moment, to take in a baseball game.

The crowd continued to cheer as Sinatra sang and New Yorkers rooted for their team. Yet, I knew they were yelling and clapping for so much more than a game. Their city was still alive, surviving what would bring other cities to their knees. The pride of New York, the Yankees, was again in the World Series. And as I watched those wearing the pinstripes head toward their dugout, surrounded by applauding fans, I knew that New York would survive. I realized that the United States would be just fine again, someday, and I felt secure to be an American. All of this was because of baseball, still reigning as America's past time.

## Sports Update

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Dreams of a national championship died on the field of Autzen Stadium on Saturday, as Oregon lost to Stanford 49-42. The Cardinals ended the Ducks 23-game winning streak and dropped Oregon out of the Bowl Championship Series top ten, from number five to 13. The Beavers of OSU fared none better, likely eliminating any chance they had at a Bowl game, as they lost to Arizona State 41-24. A note of praise to Penn State coach Joe Paterno, who has tied Bear Bryant's record for most collegiate football victories at 323.

The stage is now set for the 2001

World Series, as the Arizona Diamondbacks cleaned up the Atlanta Braves and are headed to their first Fall Classic, the quickest an expansion franchise has ever reached the World Series. As for the Seattle Mariners, they had the misfortune of facing the New York Yankees in October and were sent home for the off-season with a 12-3 loss Monday night.

Another week has passed and the 1972 Miami Dolphins team, which is the only NFL organization to go undefeated over an entire season, must wait at least another week to celebrate, as the St. Louis Rams embarrassed the New York Jets on Sunday and kept St. Louis' season perfect. On the other

side of the coin, Washington obtained their first win of the season Sunday, leaving Detroit as the only team working to get that first victory.

The NBA preseason is nearing its end, which means the return of basketball that really matters. Michael Jordan scored 41 points on Saturday, a game in which his team, the Wizards, lost to New Jersey. ESPN.com's Scott Howard-Cooper reports that things have improved in Portland, with players actually showing up to the Trail Blazer's practices. Another shocking revelation is that the Blazers have apparently settled last week's disputes and are not fighting and complaining as previously reported.

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