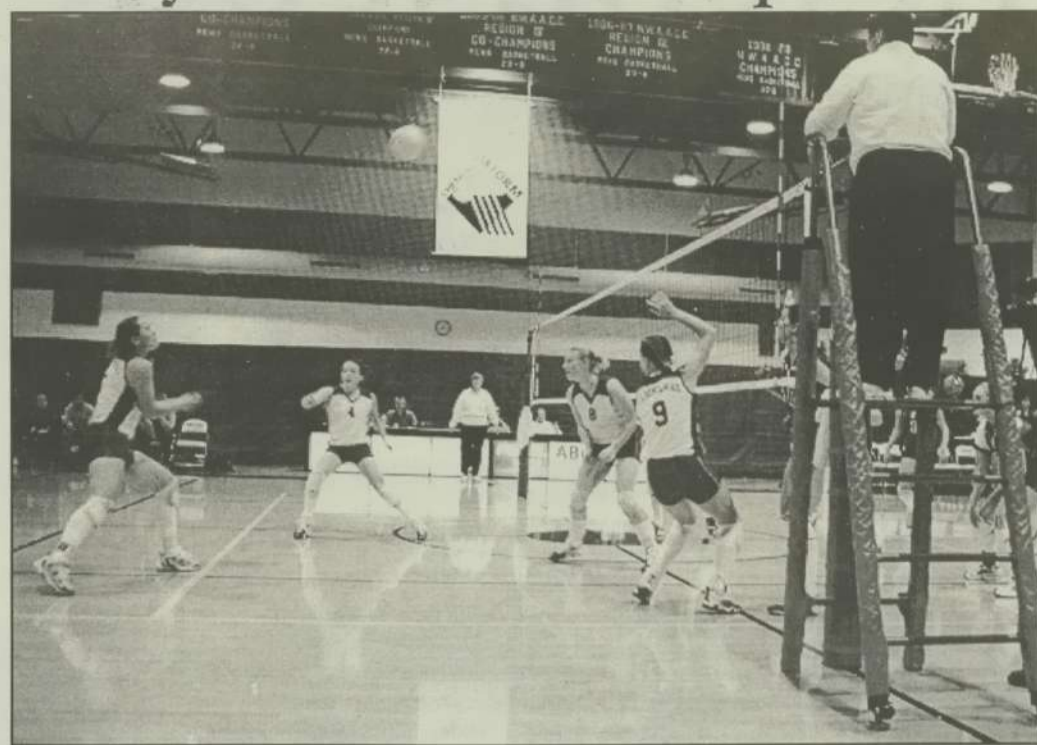


Volleyball team comes up short



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Misty Bernhardt is preparing to return the ball in a recent match against Chemeketa, as teammates look on.

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As the CCC volleyball team knows, sometimes things just don't go your way. The season ended for the Cougars when they dropped their first two matches in a double-elimination tournament, the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Championships, Nov. 15 and 16 in Bellevue, Washington. In their first match, Clackamas faced Clark Community College and lost three straight games. The score for the first game was 30-17, 27-30 for the second and 14-16 for the third and final game. Lori Free led the team in digs with 13, while Sarah

Entenman had five serving aces against Clark. Ellie Raines and Free tied for the team lead in kills in the match with Clark at seven.

After their first loss, the Cougars were forced to battle against Shoreline Community College. Clackamas lost the first game by a score of 26-30, yet won the second game of the match 30-28. As they fought for their season, the Cougars lost game three, 29-31, and game four, 21-30. The fight seemingly left the Cougars, though, as they dropped their final game and final match of the year.

Against Shoreline, Lori Free led the team in kills with 17 and digs with 20. Corinne Lawrence aided the Cougar attack with

13 kills, as did Sarah Entenman with 22 assists. Despite these efforts, Clackamas lost to the Shoreline team that had recorded only one regular season loss.

Coach Kathie Woods said that she had hoped her team would "do better" in the NWAACCs, but was still proud of her club. Woods went on to say that "any team that makes it to the NWAACCs (from the South division) is good because the South division is so good."

In summarizing the 2001 season for the Clackamas volleyball team, Coach Woods believes it was a good year for the Cougars. Woods put it best when she said: "It just wasn't our year."



For love of the state, root for the Ducks

By Nick Barron

I have never been a big fan of college football. Of course I have followed the sport as a whole and I have even caught a few games on television, but only because of my duty to sports as a pure fan. There is just something about a sport that leaves little to the imagination when it comes to deciding who is number one that leaves me wishing for more. And being from Missouri, I have never had much of a reason to root for the home team, a team that is more like the National Football League's version of the Cincinnati Bengals than a championship-caliber club.

But here I am in Oregon, at a time in which the state holds within its borders a college football team that just may win the national title in January. Granted, the University of Oregon's chance to play in the Rose Bowl for the right to be number one is small, but it is still a chance. This past weekend's losses by Oklahoma and Nebraska have opened the door for Oregon to be one game away from a trip to Pasadena, and it just so happens that that one game is the Civil War game against Oregon State.

Allow me to back up for a second and officially state that I am not necessarily a Duck fan, or a Beaver fan, but that I am just rooting for the team who has the best chance. I think that it has been safe to state that since Ken Simonton graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in August, the Beavers of OSU were not going to be holding the Sears Trophy at the end of the season. So being caught in the predicament that I am, I must choose to support the team that has the best chance at winning it all, and that

team is the University of Oregon.

It has been my experience, though, that most Beaver fans do not care about having a national champion in their state, unless that champion wears orange and black. This shows little appreciation from OSU fans for what Oregon has. Mention all the envi-

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ronmental rules this state has and most people will talk about having clean air and eye-pleasing scenery. Talk about the endless rainfall and a majority of Oregonians will point to the

abundant greenery Oregon is famous for. Yet mention to a Beaver fan that you would rather the University of Oregon beat Oregon State this Saturday, for the sake of the Ducks' national title hopes, and you will be verbally abused more than a New York cab driver.

I just don't get it. Perhaps the bitterness at seeing a once promising team play about as well as the Missouri Tigers has clouded OSU fans' vision, but they should want their team to lose for the sake of their state. I mean, let's face it, Oregon is not the epicenter of sports in America. And with the one chance that this state has at making it big on the national sports scene, half of its population roots for the team that can keep that from happening.

Well, I know where I stand. I stand as a man who has never even been close to a college football team that can call itself the best. So, this Saturday you will find me at my girlfriend's apartment, trying to follow college football on a whole new level. I'll be watching every play and analyzing every coaching decision and, until my girlfriend slaps me, I'll be pulling for the Ducks.

CCC Soccer Schedule for December

December 3, 2001 9:50 PM Cougars vs. Blowsion Kolors

December 12, 2001 10:40 PM Cougars vs. Rex Putnam Men

December 19, 2001 11:30 PM Cougars vs. Fujimi America

Oregon Soccer Center



CCC Wrestling

Thurs. December 6, 2001 @ P.L.U. Triangular 6 p.m.

Sat. December 8, 2001 @ Dual w/ Simon Fraser University 3 p.m.

Thurs. December 13, 2001 @ Dual w/ North Idaho College 7:30 p.m.

Fri. December 14, 2001 @ Dual w/ Central Washington University 7p.m.

Wed. December 19, 2001 Dual w/ Southwestern Oregon C.C. 7p.m.

Thurs. December 20, 2001 @ Dual w/ Yakima Valley C.C. 7p.m.

Fri. December 21, 2001 @ Highline C.C. Triangular 1p.m.

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