

# Couger men perfect



(Left) Marvin Noble Jr. shoots from the free-throw line en route to scoring 20 - points last Friday night against Warner Pacific. (Bottom) Michael Kuebler puts on the full-court pressure that caused Warner Pacific to commit seven turnovers in the first half.

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Despite their poor shooting, Clackamas men's basketball team continued to remain undefeated through six games in their 2001-2002 campaign.

Last Friday, Warner Pacific's junior varsity team rolled into town, suffering a 99-86 loss at the hands of the Cougars. Clackamas began the game with their notorious full-court press, but the Warner Pacific Knights penetrated the defense better than other teams had against the Cougars. Nearly nine minutes into the first half, the score remained tied at 17, as the Clackamas offense struggled to generate points.

The Cougar press eventually wore down Warner Pacific and

created 7 turnovers in the first half, aided by Clackamas' 5 steals. Wegner's team cashed in on Knight turnovers, forging ahead to take a 48-38 lead at the half.

As expected, the Cougars began the second half with their full-court press in full display. Warner Pacific handled the pressure defense well to begin, but just as happened in the first half, the visitors began making costly errors that resulted in Cougar points. To further hinder the Knights, Coach Wegner consistently changed the defensive set for his team, altering between a 2-3 zone and man-to-man defense.

Eventually the revolving defenses and full-court pressure brought Warner Pacific to their knees, resulting in a 99-86 vic-

tory for Clackamas. The Cougars improved their over-all record to 5-0 with the win, and remained in first place in the Southern Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Marvin Noble paced the Cougar attack, scoring 22 points, trailed by Evan Kieling with 14 points. Noble also led the defense with five steals and Michael Kuebler stole the ball three times for Clackamas. Kieling grabbed the most rebounds for the Cougars with five, as Kuebler took down four. Clackamas shot 50% from the floor, with Kieling and Lawson Struve leaving Randall Gym perfect in field goal percentage for the night.

"I just took it to the hole," said Noble. "They (Warner Pacific) couldn't guard me outside."

When asked if he believed his team was really as good as their record indicated, Noble said he felt the Cougars could win the NWAACCs.

With yet another win under their belts, Clackamas traveled to McMinnville to battle with Linfield's junior varsity team. The Cougars already obliterated Linfield to begin their season, but this time the Wildcats were ready for Clackamas. This time around, the match with Linfield was physical and the score was close. In the end, though, the Cougars again prevailed with a 95-86 victory. Statistics were not available at press time.

The defeat of Linfield leaves Clackamas in first place in their division, with a perfect 6-0 record, making the Cougars one of only two teams in the NWAACCs who are undefeated. This weekend the Cougars face a challenge from the Golden State, as they travel to Porterville, California for the PC Western Showcase.

# Sports Update



Arizona wide receiver David Boston is tackled at the end of a 50-yard touchdown play on Sunday. The Cardinals upset Oakland in overtime, 34-31.

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Saturday's Civil War victory for the Ducks might have meant something here in Oregon, but it did not in the Bowl Championship Series standings. Oregon remains ranked fifth, while Miami solidified their Rose Bowl bid by squeaking past Virginia Tech. Tennessee upset Florida, meaning that despite the Volunteers' two losses, they must only defeat Louisiana State this weekend to play for the national championship in Pasadena. As it stands right now, it appears that Oregon will battle Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl on New Years Day. In other college football news, Bob Davie has been fired as head coach of Notre Dame. ESPN.com reports that Oregon's head coach is a 5-1 odd at replacing Davie in South Bend.

The Seahawks (6-5) pushed themselves into second place in the AFC West by beating San Diego (5-7) Sunday in overtime, 13-10. Oakland (8-3) continued to hold first

place in the AFC West even though they lost to Arizona (5-6), 34-31. In the NFC West the 49ers (9-2) are still tied with St. Louis (9-2) for first place after they whipped Buffalo (1-11), 35-0. San Francisco will face the Rams this Sunday at St. Louis. Sadly, the Detroit Lions remain winless with an 0-11 record.

In NHL action, the Vancouver Canucks rest at last place in the Northwest Division of the Western Conference with a 11-16-3 record and 25 points. Edmonton leads in the division with a 16-8-3-1 record and 30 points. San Jose is in first place of the Pacific Division with a 12-7-4-3 record and 31 points. The Detroit Red Wings lead the league with 46 points and a 22-4-1-1 record.

The Los Angeles Lakers continue to own the NBA with a 15-1 record and first place in the Pacific Division of the Western Conference. Sacramento trails the Lakers in the division, with the Kings possessing a 13-5 record. For an update on the Trail Blazers, look for their story on page 14.

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