

## Cougar women face tough week on the road

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The Clackamas women's basketball team was hard at work over Christmas break, going 7-1 and winning the 16-team Grossmont Tournament in San Diego, Calif. They finished the preseason with a 12-2 record and began their league play last week at home, taking on both Mt. Hood and Lane Community Colleges.

On Wednesday, Mt. Hood came to the Randall Gym and was soundly beaten by the Cougars, 79-57. Kayla Steen was the leading Cougar scorer with 21 points and five assists. Cappie Smith had 15 points, Melissa Gibson had 12 and Jessica Heslop grabbed 10 rebounds and four steals.

After starting league play with such a convincing win, the Cougars took on Lane on Saturday. The Cougars started out with a pretty good first half, but finished with what may have been their best half of the season so far. Their above-average second half was enough to lead them to an 88-62 win. Steen was the statistical leader once again, with 21 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists. Regina Joo



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Jessica Hansen (left) and Jennie Kooch (right) double-team a Mt. Hood player during a 24-point home victory. The Cougars were 2-0 in their first week of league play after an impressive 12-2 preseason record.

had 15 points and seven rebounds and Lena Grant scored 14. Smith also had 12 points and Gibson had

11. While the Cougars have done well so far, they aren't without

weaknesses. One of the things that Head Coach Jim Martineau is going to try to get his team to work

on is their consistency and getting them to play hard for 40 minutes. They are going to need to do that this week, since it may be their hardest week of the year. On Wed., Jan. 16, Clackamas will be heading to Roseburg to battle the top-ranked team in the NWAACCS, Umpqua Community College. While it is a big game for the Cougars, it is also a big game for Umpqua. At the Grossmont Tournament, Umpqua lost to Santa Ana in the semifinals, while CCC beat Santa Ana in the championship game, so both teams have seen each other play. Martineau just wants to make sure his team is ready to go.

"At this point in the season, it's still just another league game," said Martineau. "It won't be the end of the world if we go down there and get beaten. If we go down and play hard, I think we're going to be fine."

Since this is such a tough match-up of two talented teams, Martineau knows that some of the Cougars may be a little jittery.

"Being a little nervous is okay," said Martineau. "(But) I don't want them to be at the point where they're so nervous that they can't go out and execute things as well."

## Clackamas wrestling gets ready to rumble

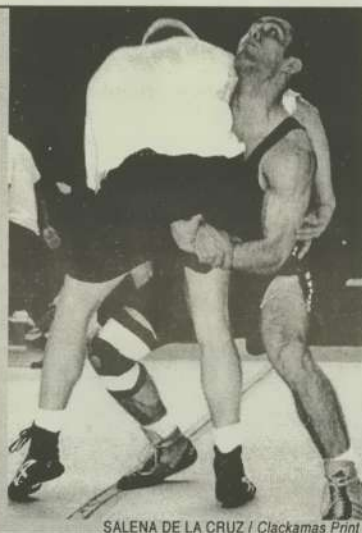
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The Clackamas wrestling team started off the new year on the road at the Central Washington Open. The Open consisted of eight different teams.

Justin Elliott (184 lbs.), who is the team captain for the Cougars came in first place in his weight class. Sean Bolen (133 lbs.) took second in his weight, Andrew Murphy (125 lbs.) wrestled his way to a third place finish in his weight, and Dennis Lewis (149 lbs.) and Clifford Hughes (174 lbs.) each came in fourth in their weight classes.

The Cougars will be at home on Jan. 18, taking on Highline Community College, who they have already lost to once this season. Part of the reason for their loss may have been due to the fact

Wrestling Results from Central Washington Open	
Weight Class	
184 lbs.	Justin Elliott Place: First
174 lbs.	Clifford Hughes Place: Fourth
149 lbs.	Dennis Lewis Place: Fourth
133 lbs.	Sean Bolen Place: Second
125 lbs.	Andrew Murphy Place: Third



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that the Cougars didn't have a full lineup. They will be going into this meet looking to make up for that loss, and hopefully getting a lot of support from the home crowd.

### Upcoming Cougar Events:

#### WRESTLING

Fri., Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the

#### Randall Gym

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wed., Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.  
@ Umpqua Community College

Sat., Jan. 19 at 6 p.m.  
@ Southwestern Oregon Community College

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wed., Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m.  
@ Umpqua Community College

Sat., Jan. 19 at 4 p.m.  
@ Southwestern Oregon Community College

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