

Cougars shoot for two victories, miss one



The Cougar's Evan Kieling attempts a shot against PCC on Jan. 30. Clackamas defeated the Panthers on their home court, 91-71.

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Clackamas' men's basketball team overpowered Portland Community College Jan. 30, but lost their first league game on Feb. 2 to Lane.

Despite the absence of Coach Clif Wegner, whose father died the week of Jan. 27, the Cougars dominated PCC's Panthers in a 91-71 rout. Sophomore guard Michael Kuebler led the Clackamas offense with 20 points, followed by Russ Schneider with 17 points and Marvin Noble, who tossed in 12. Kuebler was also the leader in rebounds, bringing down 10.

With Coach Wegner returning to the bench in Saturday's match with Lane, Clackamas failed to generate the offense that has led to their success this season, losing 83-71. It was Kuebler, yet again, who piloted the offense with 18 points. Matt Tabisz scored 17 and Schneider contributed 14 to the Cougar effort. Starting point guard Marvin Noble did not play in the game, but Coach

Wegner was unavailable for comment on the matter.

Clackamas post-man Nick Kirkpatrick explains his team's first loss in 2002 by saying: "We could have used a point guard real bad (against Lane). Kuebler had to play for us the whole time, and he was mainly creating his own shots the whole game because he didn't have a point guard to get him the ball. And we just didn't come to play. We didn't play hard enough."

The defeat at Lane drops Clackamas back into a first-place tie with Southwestern Oregon, and second place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges behind Tacoma.

Clackamas will play again Saturday, Feb. 9 at home against Umpqua Community College. The Timbermen roll into Randall Gym in last place in the Southern Division, searching for their first league win of the season, and just their fifth victory of the year. The last time the two teams met, the Cougars beat Umpqua in Roseburg.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION	LEAGUE	SEASON
Clackamas	7-1	20-3
SW Oregon	7-1	17-5
Linn-Benton	5-3	10-11
Lane	5-3	12-10
Chemeketa	4-4	15-7
Mt. Hood	3-5	9-12
Portland	1-7	4-17
Umpqua	0-8	4-17



Oh, say can you see, the Patriots' logo

By Nick Barron

What did you do after the New England Patriots upset the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI? I tuned into some post-game broadcasting, complete with in-depth analysis and player interviews. Except this was no ordinary after-the-fact sports talk, this was the Home Shopping Network.

In viewing this enchanting show, dubbed "NFL Shop," I realized that I was not a patriotic citizen of this nation if I didn't rush to my phone and order Item Number 136-364. That's right, just because I pay my taxes and vote in elections, doesn't mean I am an American until I purchase a Super Bowl XXXVI Champions Full-Size Replica Helmet, for just \$89.95.

Just in case I felt that I was missing ESPN's "NFL Primetime," which featured Chris Berman giving us his take on the Super Bowl, the host of "NFL

Shop" let me know his thoughts. According to this guy, the Patriots were the underdogs, and their victory on Sunday is one of the largest upsets in Super Bowl history. I know, I had no idea either. And he was so nice, he offered me a Super Bowl XXXVI

Champions Beer Stein, for just \$29.85!

Now, I know what you're thinking, the Home Shopping Network is just another example of those capitalistic mongrels trying to make a buck off of mindless idiots like myself. But you could never be more wrong, as I

am just trying to do my part in helping America overcome the blow it was dealt on Sep. 11. You see, thanks to this lovable network, I can now purchase Item Number 009-101, a.k.a. Super Bowl XXXVI Champions Shot Glass Set for only \$19.85. This

is the last thing I see before I pass into drunken oblivion is the Patriots' logo, which just happens to be red, white and blue!

Those player interviews I mentioned? Well, Patriot players Anthony Pleasant, Lawyer Milloy and Joe Andruzzi were kind enough to stop by the HSN set

on the Superdome floor and invite me to purchase the same Super Bowl XXXVI Champions Locker Room Caps that were perched upon their sweaty heads. These guys even told me that they were underdogs going into the Super Bowl. I know, I had no idea either. Oh, but about those caps, they were going fast at a low price of \$22.00, so I ordered three!

Maybe you're like me, you don't root for the Patriots. Heck, perhaps you wanted the Rams to send the Patriots back to that fairy tale they came from, just like I did. But wait, that great guy on the Home Shopping Network told me that even if I'm not a fan of the Pats, I can show my patriotism by purchasing a Super Bowl XXXVI Champions Blanket and Pillow! I know, isn't that great?

There was even a guest appearance by New England owner

Robert Kraft, who enlightened me to the fact that his team was considered the underdog in Super Bowl XXXVI. That's right, I had no idea either. But along with that piece of trivia, millionaire Kraft told me that he was tired of the Patriots only being ninth in the NFL in merchandise sold, so I needed to pick up that phone and grab as much Patriot stuff as my Mastercard could handle.

Which is what I was about to do, when I saw the missing piece to my patriotic puzzle: the Super Bowl XXXVI Champions Official Football! It was only \$109.85, plus the \$8.95 in shipping and handling charges, and I knew I had to have it. I heard the national anthem playing in the background as I reached for the phone. A vision of the American flag rolled through my mind, but then, to my horror, I saw the fine print on the side of my patriotic pigskin. It read: "Made in China."

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