

## Women's soccer program coming to Clackamas

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Beginning in the fall of 2002, Clackamas' athletic department will field a women's soccer program for the first time in the school's history.

Funding was made available for the team by the departure of a department secretary from community recreation earlier this year. The health and physical education department has decided to use the money allocated for that position towards the birth of the women's soccer team.

The reason behind the creation of a women's soccer program at Clackamas is because the school needs a sport in which females compete in order to bring Clackamas in line with gender equity. With 53% of the students at Clackamas being female, Athletic Director Jim Jackson was eager to give the women at Clackamas a better opportunity to compete in athletics.

"One of the points of gender equity is to look at the number of opportunities you provide for men and the number of op-

portunities you provide for women. And look at those on a percentage basis, based on what percent of your population for your college is men and women," Jackson explains.

Currently there is no coach for the program, but the athletic department has placed an ad in The Oregonian, and Jackson has contacted every college in the area that has a women's soccer program. Jackson says he has received a "number of very good applicants," and hopes to have a coach in place by March 1.

Jackson is looking for a person who has experience in dealing with all aspects of coaching at the junior college level, including budgeting, travel arrangements and league schedules.

Once a coach is chosen, his or her first task will be to recruit athletes to fill the team's roster. Jackson feels this area will supply a number of worthy participants, with such high schools as Lake Oswego, Gladstone and Oregon City fielding highly competitive teams. The program will be able to grant the team 24 one-term

tuition waivers per year, just as Clackamas does for its other sports.

As for a place for the soccer team to compete, the athletic department is looking at a possible renovation of the track field, to be complete in time for the team's inaugural season. Another option that the school is working on is a grant with Oregon City and the United States Soccer Foundation for the development of soccer fields across from Douglas Loop.

The Cougar women's soccer team will contend in the Southwest Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, along with such teams as Southwestern Oregon, Shoreline and Tacoma. Clackamas will play a 16-game league schedule, with a maximum of 24 games for the whole year. Some other possible opponents for the Cougars will be junior varsity teams of four-year schools, such as Concordia University, or various club teams in the area.

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## A fan's guide to spring training preparation

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On Wednesday, Feb. 27, Major League Baseball will begin its month of spring training games, marking the beginning greatest eight months of the sports year. Heading to either sunny Arizona or tropical Florida, these lucky pro baseball players will pack their gloves and cleats and once again head out to resume their careers as players of a boys' game. In honor of this amazing time of the year, here is a countdown of ways to prepare for the beginning of baseball season:

7. Wash last season's sweat out of your lucky baseball hat. Maybe, just maybe, it will wash away the heartache that your team caused you last year. Note: Diamondbacks fans may want to save hat washing for after the end of this season.

6. Buy a bag of sunflower seeds and get back into the habit of snacking on a large number of those salty treats each day. Can you say addicted? Never!

5. Play one of those life-like baseball video games. Too bad you can't pitch like Randy Johnson, throw like Ichiro or knock the ball out of the park like Jim Thome without the help of an electronic game system. Maybe one of these days though...

4. DO NOT WASTE YOUR TIME WATCHING "FOR LOVE OF THE GAME!" Instead, watch one of those blooper videos. Hey they both have about as much of a plot. And besides, at least the bloopers are realistic.

3. Prepare for the heartache of the postseason by continuously repeating, "There's always next year.

*"Who in their right mind wouldn't want a baseball field...in their backyard?"*

There's always next year." Recommend more practice for unfortunate fans of the Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians or Chicago Cubs.

2. Watch "Field of Dreams." If you are a baseball fan and don't enjoy this movie,

you must be insane. Who in their right mind wouldn't want a baseball field like that in their backyard? Although I guess I could do without the ghosts. That's a little on the creepy side.

And the number one thing to do in preparation for the baseball season?

1. Pull out your trusty baseball glove, you know, the one that you've had since forever, and play a good old-fashioned game of catch with your best bud. Have a nice long talk about the old days, the future and even what might have happened had you accepted that offer from the Yankees to play shortstop for them in place of Derek Jeter.

## Wrestling: Three wrestlers to return next year, will hopefully lead team

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match from becoming an All American, just like his teammate Cointment.

All in all, this was a good finish for a pretty tough season. During the season, the Cougars were unfortunate enough to lose a number of their teammates to injury and grade problems, so they were a little shorthanded.

"It's been an up and down season physically," said Martindale. "It's hard to put a wrestler in a weight class and expect them to stay there."

But even with these early difficulties, the Cougars pulled together and represented CCC at the national championship.

"Individually, we fared well, but the results didn't show it," said Martindale.

Three of the wrestlers who competed at Nationals will be returning to the team next season. Martindale will be looking to them to help lead the new wrestlers in the upcoming year.

"It's good to know that I have three wrestlers returning that have been there before and can share their experiences with the team. They will be big contributors to the team," said Martindale.

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