

Second missing girl raises concerns



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Above: Miranda Gaddis is the second girl to turn up missing in similar circumstances as Ashley Pond, who disappeared Jan. 9.

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Thirteen-year old Miranda Gaddis is the second girl to disappear since January from the Newell Creek Village apartment complex located on South Beaver Creek Road in Oregon City. Investigators now consider the possibility that the two cases might be linked.

Gaddis was last seen Friday, March 8, at 7:30 a.m. by her mother at the apartment complex. Just like Ashley Pond who disappeared under similar circumstances Jan. 9, Gaddis was supposed to be heading to the bus stop but never made it. Gaddis and Pond attended the same school and were teammates on the Gardiner Middle School dance team.

The FBI expanded the number of agents working on the case. On Sunday, more than half of the FBI agents in the state were involved in the search. Gaddis' mother and friends passed out flyers at Clackamas Town Center and stores in the Oregon City area.

According to Diane Luther, Executive Director of Northwest Housing Alternatives, the owners of Newell Creek Village are rewarding \$5000 for information leading to the discovery of the two missing girls.

"We are outraged at what is happening to our Newell Creek community," said Luther. "We have taken and are taking a number of actions to increase security at Newell Creek."

In addition, Oregon City Public Schools have decided that

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Cougars take third

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Just as wine gets better with age, so will Clackamas' men's basketball team's third-place finish in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship Tournament.

Despite hope and expectations of the Cougars capturing the first-place trophy, the team failed to reach the championship game, taking third-round loss to Big Bend on March 10.

In the first round, Clackamas defeated the Clark Penguins by a score of 76-73. The Cougars led their opponent 38-31 at the half, but Clark outscored Clackamas by four points in the second half to set up a dramatic finish.

With the Cougars holding the ball with mere seconds remaining in the game and the team grasping onto a one-point lead, Matt Tabisz tossed in a basket with one second remaining to seal Clackamas' victory.

Tabisz led the Cougars in scoring with 22 points, followed by Michael Kuebler with 19. Tabisz grabbed seven rebounds, as Kuebler and Lawson Struve came in second with six apiece.

Next up for Clackamas was Shoreline Community College, a team the Cougars beat on Dec. 14. The Dolphins' athleticism kept them in the contest, capturing a one point lead with just a minute left.

As the clock ticked away, the Cougars pulled ahead 83-80. Struve grabbed the rebound and was fouled. The sophomore hit both ensuing free throws with just 1.6 seconds left, assuring Clackamas of an 85-80 victory.

Evan Kieling, a freshman post player who has steadily improved throughout the season, paced the Cougar offense with 17 points, going seven of eight from the free throw line. Clackamas Coach Cliff Wegner thinks that Kieling is on the verge of becoming a dominant athlete.

"He's very crafty, he's got good moves, he has a very nice shooting touch," Wegner said. "He is going to occupy a lot of attention next year."

Once Shoreline was disposed of, Clackamas duelled with Big Bend over the right to go to the championship game.

The match was neck and neck in the first eleven minutes, with Big Bend taking the upper hand at the nine-minute mark by a score of 23-16. At one point in the first half, the Cougars fell be-

hind the Vikings by 12 points, trailing by six heading into halftime.

In the second half, Marvin Noble picked up his fourth personal foul, forcing him to the bench for the majority of the half. Clackamas pulled within one point of the Vikes with just over three minutes remaining, but Big Bend proved too much for the Cougars, who lost 96-89.

Kuebler put on his best of offensive performance of the tournament, scoring 32 points to go with his six assists. Struve followed in scoring with 22 points and three assists.

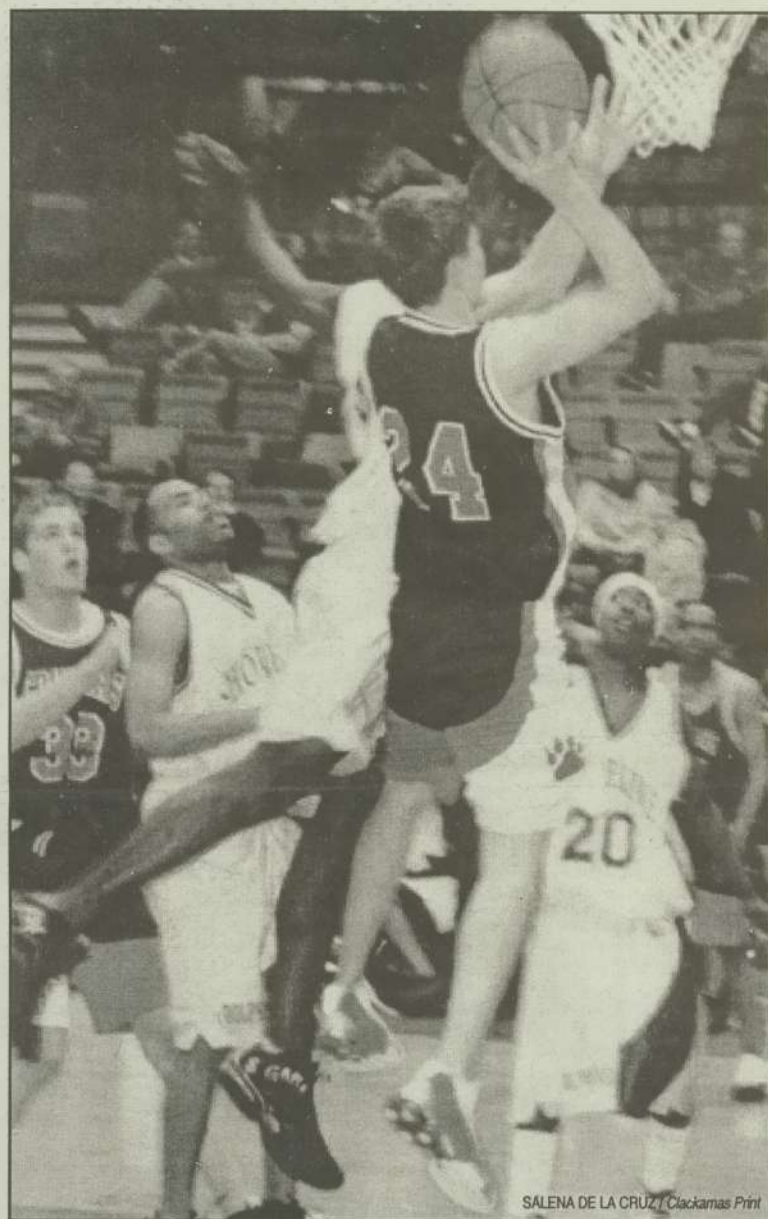
Clackamas was hurt by Noble's foul problems, which limited the point guard's playing time to just over 21 minutes. In the team's two previous games in the tournament, Noble had averaged 35 minutes per game.

"I take responsibility (for the loss)," Noble said. The sophomore has been a major key to Clackamas' success this season, and in the tournament alone he was the driving force behind the Cougars' offensive scheme.

Once their loss to Big Bend was in the books, Clackamas was forced to play for third place against Walla Walla.

The Warriors were ranked fifth in the final NWAACC Coaches' Poll, right behind the Cougars, so the game promised to be an entertaining match-up.

Clackamas led for the majority of the half, with Walla Walla seemingly no match for the hyped-up Cougars. Some bench players who had not seen any action in



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Michael Kuebler goes up for a basket while facing the Shoreline Dolphins in the third-round of the NWAACCs. The sophomore guard averaged 24 points a game to lead the Cougars to victory while going up against the Shoreline Dolphins, 83-80.

the tournament made their debuts early against the Warriors.

Freshman Nick Kirkpatrick and Andy Beehler played important roles in the game's outcome. With the Cougars up by eight points with a minute to go, Kirkpatrick blocked a Warrior shot. Beehler grabbed the ball and was fouled, hitting both free throws and making the match a four-possession game.

The Cougars went on to win 87-79, granting them third place out of the NWAACC's 36 teams.

It was Kuebler again who led the Clackamas offense, scoring 29 points. The guard finished the tournament with a 24 point per game average, and was named second team All-Tournament team.

Wegner was proud of the way his team rebounded from their

devastating loss to Big Bend.

"They showed a lot of character...we just kept playing hard through the half," Wegner said.

"I thought Kuebler, even though he didn't have a great shooting tournament...played very hard," Wegner said. "I thought he (Noble) really did a good job of running stuff and distributing the basketball and making good decisions.

Although Wegner and his players felt that they had a strong chance at the first-place trophy, he believes that his team will one day look back at their accomplishments this year with pride.

Sometimes things just get better with a little time.

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