

Cougar Sports Calendar
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Soccer

- Wednesday, October 30 vs. Southwestern Oregon @ 3 p.m. HOME**
- Friday, November 1 vs. Tacoma @ 3 p.m. HOME**
- Saturday, November 2 vs. Lower Columbia @ 1 p.m. HOME**
- Wednesday, November 6 vs. Clark @ 3 p.m.**

Volleyball

- Wednesday, October 30 vs. Chemeketa @ 7 p.m. HOME**
- Friday and Saturday, November 1-2 at the Shoreline Crossover**
- Friday, November 8 vs. Southwestern Oregon @ 7 p.m.**
- Saturday, November 9 vs. Umpqua @ 3 p.m.**
- Wednesday, November 13 vs. Linn-Benton @ 7 p.m. HOME**

Cross Country

- Saturday, November 9 NWAACC Championships at Vancouver, Washington**

Volleyball team gears up for last third of season

Elena Boryska
Sports Editor

With less than a month left in the season, the Clackamas volleyball team is preparing to take on some of the top teams and hopefully make it into the playoffs.

Over the weekend of Oct. 25-26, the Cougars traveled to Gresham to participate in the Mt. Hood Halloween Classic. There were a total of 14 teams at the tournament, and these were the best teams out of the 29 who play in the NWAACC. The Cougars took fifth place in the tournament, and Southern Division leader Mt. Hood was the champion. On Friday, the Cougars were undefeated, taking out Pierce, Edmonds and Highline. On Saturday, they weren't so lucky, losing to Shoreline and Columbia Basin, and winning against Whatcom.

Some of the strengths that the Cougars displayed in the tournament were their serving percentage, which was a team total of 96 percent, as well as their serve receiving, which was a 2.08 on a three-point scale. Lindsay Shiely was the leader in kills with 47, and also had a total of 16 individual blocks in the tournament. Ashley Cadotte had 31 kills for the Cougars, and Lori Free was right behind her with a total of 30, as well as 63 digs during the weekend.

Clackamas' most recent league game came at home against Lane on Oct. 23. The Cougars soundly trounced Lane in three games, 30-20, 30-21, and 30-27. Cadotte had a

great offensive game, finishing with 10 kills and a 53 percent kill efficiency and Free led the team with 11 kills.

Before that home game, the Cougars played a tough match against undefeated Mt. Hood. The Saints were able to put away Clackamas in three games, but Head Coach Kathie Woods knows that Mt. Hood is not without weakness.

"They beat us, but they are definitely beatable," said Woods. "We've seen other teams beat them in tournaments. They are a good team, but they are... beatable."

After all of these games, the Cougars were left with a 5-3 league record, which was good enough for fourth place in the NWAACC's Southern Division.

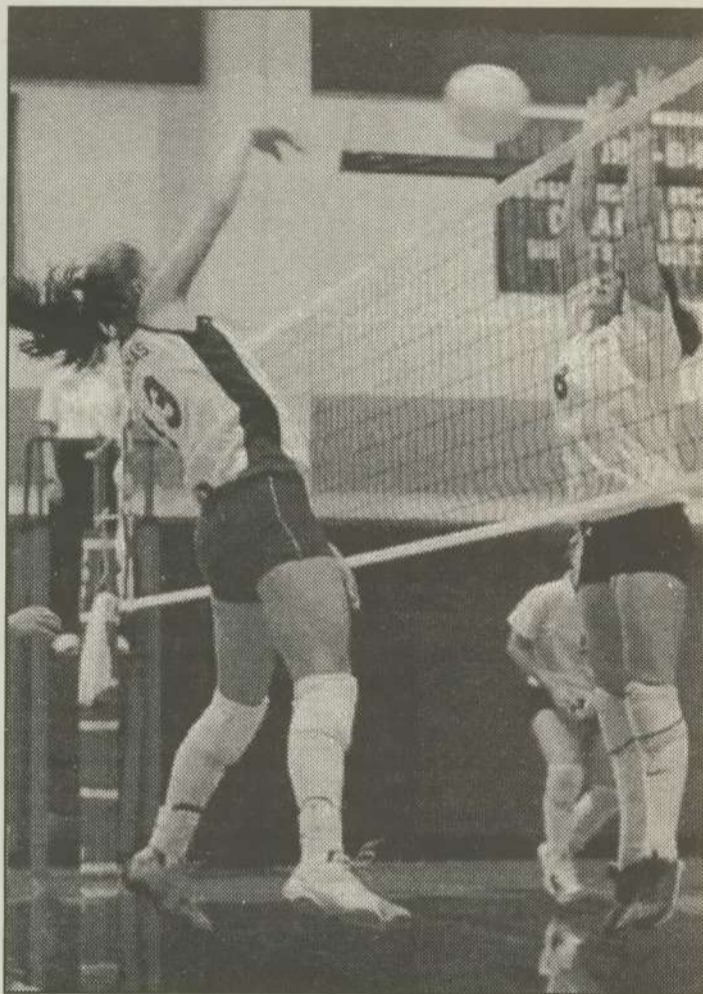
"(Our record) is a little deceiving with how good we are because two of those three losses are against Mt. Hood, and they are the undefeated team," said Woods.

"What's important is that we can't let that get us down and we finish the rest of the year strong."

Though the playoffs are coming soon, Woods knows that anything is possible in this league and that the season is not over yet.

"We're counting on (the playoffs), we're planning on it, but we have several games to play," Woods said.

Some of the things that the team is trying to work on are not causing their own errors, eliminating defensive errors and working on blocks. The next home game for the Cougars comes against Chemeketa, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Randall Gym.



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Ashley Cadotte reaches to slam the ball over the net at a recent Cougar match. The women's volleyball team is in fourth place in the Southern Division of the NWAACC with a 5-3 league record. Clackamas will be taking on Chemeketa tonight at 7 p.m. in the Randall Gym.

Blazer fans anticipate new season

Pete Ford
Staff Writer

I am so sick of the Los Angeles Lakers! Actually, hate em' with a passion. If you happen to be a Laker fan living in Oregon, you might as well stop reading because you'll get no love from me. I am an Oregonian and therefore the Blazers are my basketball team. However, I am ready for the team to play some respectable games and follow through, even in the fourth quarter. I want to see the game mean as much as it did to players like Clyde Drexler and Terry Porter. It is time to rise up and once again make Portland basketball worth watching.

After an impressive 5-2 preseason record (the best since the 1999 season), the Blazers will hopefully motivate themselves to win, and what better way to start the trend than with a victory over Los Angeles on opening night? Maurice Cheeks now has a year under his belt as Portland's head coach and I believe things should go a bit more smoothly. We need to eliminate the sloppy impulse shooting, and fussing at every call doesn't help us either. That kind of thing causes the team to lose focus. We need to play together as a team in order to be successful.

I'm not saying I should be coach or that I know best, but I am a devoted Blazer fan that thinks his favorite team does not always play to their potential.

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After seven preseason games and a number of practices, final decisions had to be made about whom will be among the pivotal fifteen to play for Portland. Sacrifices sometimes have to be made and, unfortunately, the team waived Richie Frahm, a free agent invited to camp, and Amal McCaskill, acquired in the Antonio Daniels trade from San Antonio. Better luck next year.

Portland has stars from two different decades of basketball with a variety of different talents that compile a team far above average. Our stars, however, all have very dominant tendencies and often compete

with each other to be the best. This can sometimes work, but I believe if we just learned to humble ourselves a little more and keep the ball moving until we had the perfect shot, we could be the best team in the NBA and take home the championship.

With Bonzi Wells playing both guard and small forward positions he should have an outstanding season this year for the Blazers and is in his best shape ever. Arvydas Sabonis is also back for a three-year contract after spending the last year with his family in Spain.

Blazer fans, I encourage you to

come and help cheer our team to victory. They are going to need all the help they can get and we as fans have a job to support our team. Take your special lady or man along for the fun. They will be surprised when you come home with tickets; and you can get in on the action for as low as \$15 through Ticketmaster. You can still get tickets for tonight's opener versus the dreaded Lakers. I believe it is going to be an intense season, so be prepared and I hope to see you there.

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