

Cougar Sports Calendar

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Wrestling

Friday, December 6
Dual at
Southwestern
Oregon CC
@ 5p.m.

Sunday, December 15

Dual with Simon
Fraser and Douglas
College @ 1 p.m.
HOME

Sunday, December 20

Highline Triangular
Meet @ 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Friday, December 13

Southern Utah at
Mt. Hood CC @
5 p.m.

Saturday,
December 14

Warner Pacific JV at
Mt. Hood CC @
5 p.m.

Friday/Saturday/
Sunday, December
20-22

NWAACC
Crossover
Tournament at Port
Angeles, Wash.

Women's Basketball

Wednesday,
December 4

vs. Clark College @
6 p.m.

Friday, December 6
vs. Blue Mountain
CC @ 6 p.m.

Friday, December 13

vs. Linfield JV @
7 p.m. HOME

Thursday/Friday/
Saturday,
December 19-21

NWAACC
Crossover
Tournament at
Moses Lake, Wash.



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Tara Andrews sets the ball in a recent Cougar match. Andrews had a 28 percent assist total during the NWAACC tournament, where the Cougars were 1-2.

CCC Volleyball comes up empty

Elena Boryska
Sports Editor

Even with one of the best teams that Head Coach Kathie Woods has seen in her 20-plus years of coaching, the Cougar volleyball team returned from the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' (NWAACC) tournament with nothing except a little bit of frustration.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the NWAACC tournament. I was very pleased with everything that we did toward the end of the season, how we came together as a team, how we played," said Woods.

The tournament was held on Nov. 21-23, and was hosted by Spokane CC. The Cougars opened the weekend by defeating Lower Columbia College in three straight games, 30-18, 30-22 and 30-26. Next up was Spokane, who ended up with the fourth place spot overall. As these two teams battled it out, the players became very worn down because of the high intensity of the play that was going on. When Spokane finally pulled off the victory, the Cougars were completely drained and had nothing left for their next match against Whatcom CC just an hour later. The Cougars were defeated by Whatcom, 24-30, 27-30 and were eliminated from the tournament after playing just three matches.

"If we wouldn't have met Spokane so early, things could have been different, may have been different," said Woods. "The girls gave their heart out, they played hard, but I think physically it wasn't enough time to regroup. If it would have been a couple more hours, I think we could have hung in there."

Some of the leaders for the tournament were Ellie Raines, who had 30 percent kill efficiency with zero errors out of 30 attempts, as well as nine kills. Lindsay Sheily had 20 percent kill efficiency and 30 kills and Ashley Cadotte had 25 percent kill efficiency along with 27 kills. Tara Andrews set with a 28 percent assist percentage. Lori Free led the team with 48 digs, and Cadotte led blocking with 18. Shiely and Free both were 100 percent with their serving for the tournament.

The Cougars finished the season with a league record of 8-4, with a third place finish in the division standings behind Chemeketa CC and Mt. Hood CC.

"I knew I had talent when we started," said Woods. "I still do feel that this team could have won the championship, but the NWAACC was so incredibly close this year... that's what I wasn't counting on."

As for next year's team, only three players will move on, leaving Clackamas with a very strong group to carry on and play. Two of the outgoing sophomores, Lori Free and Abby Pond, will be playing in the Sophomore Showcase NWAACC All-Star Game on Sat., Dec. 7, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Randall Gym.

A number of Cougars also earned end-of-the-year honors. Shiely was voted to the first-team Southern Region, Free and Pond were named to the second team and Cadotte and Andrews made honorable mention. Woods was also named Coach of the Year for the Southern Region.

Soccer ends season with 2-0 playoff loss to Walla Walla

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All of the success that followed Clackamas' soccer team throughout their first regular season seemed to have disappeared as soon as it came time for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' (NWAACC) postseason to begin.

Nov. 16, Clackamas faced off against the number three team in the NWAACC's Northeast Division, Walla Walla CC. These two teams met once during the regular season, with Walla Walla winning 6-0. Although this meeting wasn't as much of a blowout as the one prior, Walla Walla

just happened to finish the opportunities they had and we didn't... and that's soccer for you."

"I think we played well," defender Brenda Klawitter said, "we just got unlucky. I think we dominated the game, we just couldn't get shots in."

This 2-0 defeat was the end of a very successful inaugural season in which the Cougars claimed second place in the Southwestern Division of the NWAACC with a 12-3-1 league record. This great first year was surprising to many, including some of the Clackamas players.

"I was surprised at first because we have so many people at different levels," Klawitter said. "I haven't played in four years... and then there's another girl who hasn't played in a long time, but we have a lot of team chemistry. I think that made up for things that we might have been lacking in."

Defender Lauren Arata also was a little shocked by how well this first season went. "We did much better than we thought or were expected to do."

"It was a great season for a first year," Nelson said. "I was overall very happy with the season."

As far as next season goes, the Cougars are hoping to have another pretty strong team, with all of their players eligible to come back, and so far, only one of the players opting to go somewhere else. Leah Drebin has earned her transfer degree and will be moving on to another school. Nelson is also looking to bring in some good recruits and lead this team to the next level.

"If we get the majority of the girls back and with the recruits coming in, I think we'll definitely be in the NWAACC final next year."

Klawitter, who has not yet decided whether she will be playing next year, is as optimistic about the Cougars' chances in the playoffs as her coach is.

"I think next year we won't exit so quickly. We'll definitely make it to the finals."

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Head Soccer Coach

once again held the Cougars scoreless and promptly ended CCC's season by a score of 2-0.

"I think they were a little disappointed they lost, but for a lot of them, they've never been on teams that have been successful or have ever gone to the playoffs before, so they were pretty upbeat after the game," Head Soccer Coach Tracy Nelson said. "They would have liked to have definitely gone on, but for most of them, they were pretty excited to just have gotten that far."

"We played well and probably had the better game overall. They were a good team and we definitely came out to play, we just were unlucky. The game could have gone either way, they

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