

Cougar women split two games, drop to third in Southern Region

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Clackamas achieved a decisive victory over Portland CC last Wednesday night, but then dropped to third in the Southern Region following a tough loss to Lane CC on Saturday.

The Lady Cougars destroyed the Portland Panthers by a score of 88-41 at the PCC Cascade campus Wednesday night. Clackamas claimed a double-digit lead early in the game, and by halftime led by an overwhelming 42-21. Though Clackamas took its full court press off a few minutes into the second half, the damage had been done. The Cougars were too much for Portland to handle, and the Panthers never stood a chance.

Standout performances were seen across the board. Sophomore Morgan Hayes collected a career-high, 10 offensive rebounds, meanwhile scoring 17 points. Sophomore Regina Joo scored a season-high 19 points; she also tallied five rebounds and four steals. Freshmen Lindsey Calmettes and Somer Erickson both had fantastic all-around games. Calmettes racked

up 16 points, nine rebounds and five steals. Erickson scored eight points, dished six assists, and collected eight rebounds and five steals.

Collectively, the team grabbed 31 offensive rebounds to squash their old season best. A strong full court press for the majority of the

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game helped them force Portland into 41 turnovers, including 25 steals by the Lady Cougars. Clackamas scored 35 points off turnovers and cashed in on 19 second-chance points.

"I was pretty pleased because sometimes it's harder to play well against a bad team than a good team," said Head Coach Jim Martineau. "The girls did a nice

job. They played hard, they worked hard and they played pretty sharp. It was a pretty good effort."

The team traveled to Lane CC on Saturday in hopes of overpowering the only remaining undefeated team in the Southern Region. In a tough battle, Clackamas ultimately fell 63-56.

Sophomore co-captains Melissa Gibson and Cappie Smith gave it their all on the offensive end. Gibson led all scorers with 21 points, collecting eight rebounds along the way. Smith added to the offensive production with 14 points. Erickson and Hayes grabbed nine and eight rebounds, respectively. Joo had six assists.

The Lady Cougars' league record is now 4-2. This loss dropped Clackamas from second place to third in the Southern Region, behind first place Lane CC (6-0) and second ranked Chemeketa CC (5-1). Chemeketa's 86-82 triumph over Umpqua CC (4-2) this weekend broke what was a three-way tie for second to claim that spot solely for itself.

Clackamas will play two more games on the road before returning home Feb. 8 to fight Southwestern Oregon CC.



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Clackamas sophomore Regina Joo dribbles the ball while Ashley Storms readies herself for the play. After a split of this week's games, the Cougars find themselves with a 4-2 league record.

Men's basketball wins two on road

Victories at PCC and Lane put the Cougars at 4-2



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Russ Schneider (23) and Chris Hutcherson (11) watch in preparation for a rebound during the Jan. 22 victory over Portland. Clackamas now shares the lead of the Southern Region with four other teams.

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Clackamas men's basketball got two impressive wins this week, beating both Portland and Lane CC.

The Portland Panthers showed up with an eight-man team including three players with above the rim talent. While the Cougars were evenly matched in height, they were out-matched in strength in the post and athletic ability in the backcourt.

CCC was able to overcome a first half deficit of eight and defeat the Panthers with a final of 95-86. The Panthers' defense was aggressive enough to keep the Cougars off the boards for most of the first half. The Cougars were so perplexed that PCC's Dominique Holmes had two straight rim rocking dunks; a high-flying put back and an alley-opp on a back door cut.

The coaches were very vocal about the officiating. "I've learned to keep my mouth shut," stated Head Coach Cliff Wegner, when asked what he thought of Wednesday night's officiating.

Going into the second half CCC was down 56-48 and in need of a spark. Coach Wegner went to his 3-2-zone defense creating problems for the Panthers. The 3-2 set was able to cause turnovers and easy baskets for the Cougars. Once the Panthers extended their defense the Panthers lost control of a game they had dom-

inated for the first twenty minutes. Evan Keiling played an excellent second half and finished with 14 points and four rebounds, as well as hitting two key shots at the end of the game to seal the Cougars' victory.

This very high scoring game was played in front of an estimated 70 people at PCC's Cascade Campus. Leading the way for the Cougars was Russ Schnieder who had 22 points of the final and three rebounds. Chris Hoyt followed with 16 points and three rebounds. Defense set the tone for the Cougars' come-from-behind win.

Team highlights include 24 points off PCC turnovers, 18 second chance points and 30 of CCC's 98 points coming from behind the three point arc. Fundamental basketball and near perfect second half execution were the keys for the Cougars win.

On Saturday CCC beat Lane Community College 77-66 in Eugene, Oregon. Leading the way was Keiling with 31 points and seven rebounds. Schnieder followed with 13 and Jon Hildebrand with 12, bringing the Cougars' record to 13-6 overall and 4-2 in league. Clackamas remains unranked in the NWAACC, but they are ranked first in the Southern Conference tied with four other teams.

This week, they will be taking on Mount Hood and Umpqua on the road.