

Cougar Sports Calendar

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Wrestling

Friday/Saturday,
February 28/
March 1
NJCAA National
Championships
@ Rochester, MN.

Men's Basketball

Wednesday,
February 19
Mt. Hood CC @
7:30 p.m. HOME

Saturday, February
22
Lane CC @
6 p.m. HOME

Wednesday,
February 26
at Chemeketa CC
@ 7:30p.m

Women's Basketball

Wednesday,
February 19
Mt. Hood CC @
5:30 p.m. HOME

Saturday, February
22
Lane CC @
4 p.m. HOME

Wednesday,
February 26
at Chemeketa CC
@ 5:30p.m

Lady Cougars dominate Portland and Linn-Benton

Tina Tate
Staff Writer

Patience is a virtue, and the Lady Cougars demonstrated that discipline as they confidently executed their passing game in crushing defeats over Portland CC and Linn-Benton CC last week.

The two wins improved Clackamas' record to 8-3 in the league, two games out of first with three games remaining.

Clackamas dominated the game against Portland last Wednesday in a 90-44 blowout. Inside feeds fueled Clackamas' offensive charge. Clackamas finished with 20 assists; seven were contributed by Cappie Smith.

Morgan Hayes, 6'2", capitalized on her height as she converted several inside looks on aggressive post moves; she finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Somer Erickson and Lindsay Calmettes were on fire, and each shot 100 percent in the second half. Calmettes finished with a game-high 21 points and five steals. Erickson had 19 points and 10 rebounds.

"Lindsay played really well," said Head Coach Jim Martineau. "She got a bunch of lay-ups driving the ball to the basket, but she also hit three threes as well."

Clackamas outrebounded Portland 55-31, including 20 offensive boards that were converted for 22 second-chance points. The Lady Cougars forced the Panthers into 27 turnovers for 28 Clackamas points.

The Lady Cougars followed up with

another high scoring performance as they overpowered Linn-Benton 95-46 on Saturday.

Between the inside-outside shooting plays and the lobs into the post, Clackamas collaborated for 29 assists to help six Lady Cougars to score in double figures. Smith played an integral role in the feat as she dished nine, scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Hayes again was the beneficiary of several over-the-top plays designed to take advantage of the height differential. She finished with 21 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots to lead in all three categories.

Clackamas shot 58.7 percent from the field, including 14 for 26 from three-point land. Melissa Gibson shot three for three from behind the arc and finished with 13 points and four rebounds. Erickson contributed two from deep; she finished with eight points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals.

"When we ran our set to get Morgan that lob, they really couldn't decide who to help off of, because if they helped down on Morgan, then Somer stepped up a hit a couple threes at the top of the key," said Martineau. "So they decided to go out and guard the three-point line in the second half, and they didn't have a lot of help-side. The girls did a really nice job of recognizing what was open and finding the right people."

The Lady Cougars enhanced their offensive effort by pressuring Linn-Benton into a 16-for-64 shooting performance.

"A part of it was that (Linn-Benton)



PETE FORD Clackamas Print

Lindsay Calmettes and Somer Erickson help rack up the points against PCC. The women are now 8-3, which puts them two games out of first in the Southern Division with three games left to play.

just shot bad," said Martineau. "The other part was that we made them extend out a lot. They took a lot of three-pointers that were three- or four-feet behind the line. We were real aggressive."

Calmettes had 13 points and three assists. Brienne Thurn had 10 points, six rebounds, and three assists. Ashley Storms had 10 points and four rebounds. Regina Joo contributed five points, five rebounds, and six assists.

"The nice thing is that these last two

games we played really well," said Martineau. "It's the best we've played in a long time."

The Lady Cougars will host Mt. Hood CC (1-10) tonight at 5:30 p.m. and Lane CC (9-2) on Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

Clackamas dropped one spot to seventh place in the Feb. 16 Coaches' Poll. Southern Region schools Chemeketa (10-1), Umpqua (9-2), and Lane are seeded first, third and fifth, respectively. The final poll will come out March 2.

Men coast to consecutive victories; three games left before NWAACCs



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Evan Kieling gets some air during a blowout victory over Portland. Kieling led Clackamas to a 112-105 victory by scoring 35 points and grabbing a total of 12 boards.

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Men's basketball is on a roll; with two wins last week, the Cougars seem ready for any opponent.

On Feb. 12, the Cougars overtook the PCC Panthers. Clackamas shot over 50 percent from the field for a 112-105 victory in this high-scoring contest.

The Panthers suit up as one of the most athletic teams in the league, with guards and posts able to play high above the rim. The Cougars were led by Evan Kieling, whose game-dominating double-double set the pace with 35 points and 12 boards. Jon Hildebrandt followed Kieling with an unselfish double-double of 13 points and 10 assists.

With PCC's ability to go above the rim, the Cougars had to stay focused on fundamental play. Both squads' high-scoring offenses made for a crowd-pleasing game, with multiple PCC dunks.

Saturday night, Feb. 15, the Cougars hosted the Linn-Benton Roadrunners. Clackamas prevailed in a lopsided 120-74 victory over

the sixth place team in the Southern Region. The Cougars had their second consecutive 100 point performance behind a team defense that led to easy transition baskets.

A confused-looking Linn-Benton squad was outplayed on nearly every possession. Any game plan the Roadrunners may have had was demolished early by strong Cougar defense.

With 57 fouls called between both squads, the game took over two hours to end. CCC's leading scorer Kieling fell victim to the whistle, but Russ Schneider and Brandon Gill picked up the scoring with 24 and 20 respectively.

Andy Beehler and Nick Kirkpatrick contributed off the bench by scoring 10 and 12. Kirkpatrick's defense and hustle ignited his teammates and Beehler's offensive bursts broke Linn Benton ankles.

Three games remain before the NWAACC championships, which will be held March 7-10 in Kennewick, Wash.

Clackamas hosts Mt. Hood Community College tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. The Cougars will be trying to avenge a Jan. 29 loss in Gresham.