

Cougars win Southern Region title

Team takes number one ranking into NWAACCs

Nic Delzell
SPORTS EDITOR

Clackamas volleyball was able to gain momentum going into the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' (NWAACC) tournament with two season-ending victories.

On Nov. 12, the Cougars traveled to Albany to take on Linn-Benton CC. The Cougars were victorious by scores of 30-20, 30-28 and 30-17. Lindsay Schiely led the Cougar offense with 23 kills. Ashley Cadotte followed with eight kills and three blocks. Justine Rhodes had five kills and Becky Horn added five digs. Tara Andrews had 37 assists.

"We needed that win to claim first in the South and we did," said Head Coach Kathie Woods.

This win gave the Cougars sole possession of the NWAACC Southern Region title; the Cougars have not won this title outright since 1998.

On Nov. 7, Southwestern Oregon CC visited the Clackamas gym and was beaten in three games by scores of 30-15, 30-19 and 30-23. Schiely had 18 kills and two blocks. Cadotte had nine kills and three blocks. Ashley Walbridge contributed eight kills and had two ace serves. Andrews added 42 assists and had two ace serves and Jamie Herrera

had three ace serves. Clackamas sophomores were honored as this was the team's last home game.

"We had a really good game against Southwestern Oregon," said Woods.

The Cougars will travel to Auburn, Wash., this weekend to participate in the NWAACC tournament, which will be held at Green River CC. The top four teams from each NWAACC region will take part in this tournament.

The Cougars finished the regular season 9-1 in league play and remain ranked number one in the NWAACC coaches' poll. The only NWAACC teams that have defeated the Cougars this year are Bellevue CC and Mt. Hood CC. These teams are ranked second and third, respectively, in the NWAACC coaches' poll.

The Cougars will open up NWAACC tournament play on Saturday against Walla Walla CC, the fourth place team from the Eastern Region. Walla Walla finished the regular season with a league record of 6-6. Nevertheless, Woods is not taking Walla Walla lightly.

"We haven't seen Walla Walla all year," said Woods. "That makes me a little concerned...the rest of the Eastern Region is strong, so for that reason we will respect Walla Walla and hope to play our best game yet."



EARL ENGLAND CLACKAMAS PRINT

The Clackamas volleyball team gets ready to go before a match against Southwestern Oregon CC. The Cougars defeated SWOCC in three games to clinch first place in the Southern Region of the NWAACCs. The NWAACC tournament begins on Saturday in Auburn, Wash., with Clackamas taking on Walla Walla CC in a first-round match.

Wrestlers enjoy early-season success

Ben Maras
THE CLACKAMAS PRINT

Despite grappling with change, the Clackamas wrestlers have already enjoyed their share of success.

Challenges facing the Cougars include a team of mostly new wrestlers, and a new head coach.

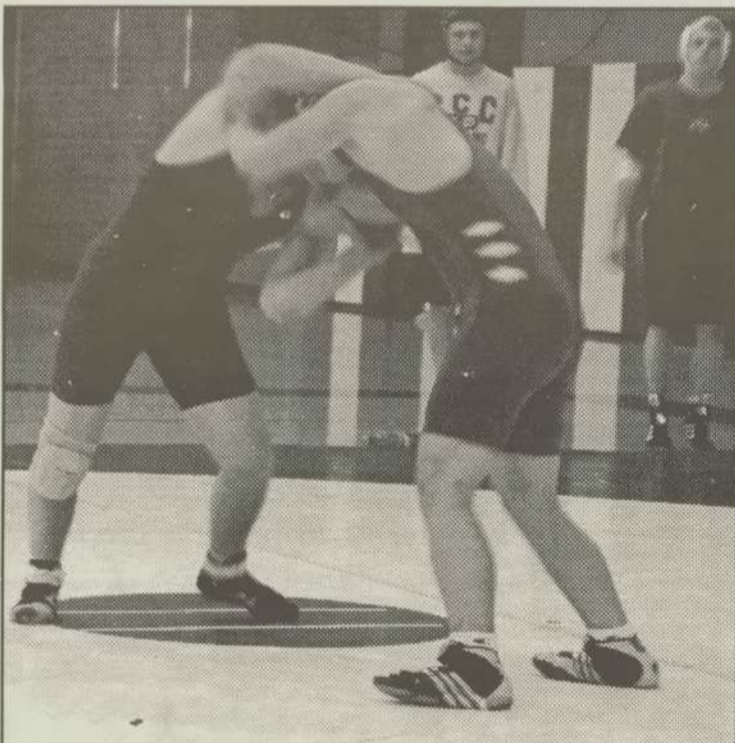
Head Coach Mike Haluska is making his return to Clackamas wrestling along with many new wrestlers, pinning for a fresh start and high hopes for wrestlers and coaches alike. Haluska is joined by assistant coaches Lewis Coy and Lloyd Martindale in leading the Cougars on the mat.

Last Sunday, the Cougars competed in the Mike Clock Open (formerly the Pacific Senior Open) at Pacific University, against approximately 20 colleges from the northwest, some coming from as far as Canada and Idaho to square off against each other.

Clackamas wrestled well, defeating two colleges from north of the border, Simon Fraser University and Menlo Park University. In addition, the Cougars tied with Yakima Valley Community College.

"We did well; we're a very young team this year," said assistant coach Coy.

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., the Cougars will face off against the



EARL ENGLAND CLACKAMAS PRINT

Two Clackamas wrestlers work on their moves during practice last week as they prepare for the long season.

North Idaho College Cardinals, the defending National Junior College Athletic Association champions and the number one-ranked team in the

nation this year.

On Saturday, the Cougars will travel to Ashland to the Best of the West/SOU Open tournament.



EARL ENGLAND CLACKAMAS PRINT

A Clackamas wrestler is put into a precarious position on the mat during a match with an opponent from Yakima Valley CC last Sunday. Pacific University hosted the Mike Clock Open, where Cougars wrestled well in their opening meet of the season. They defeated Simon Fraser University and Menlo Park University in team matches.

Schiely works for success on and off volleyball court

Nic Delzell
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore volleyball player Lindsay Schiely is paving her way to success on and off the court.

"I've always tried to be the best that I could be," said Schiely.

Schiely not only works hard on the volleyball court, she works hard in the classroom as well. She maintains a 4.0 GPA here at Clackamas.

In addition to volleyball, Schiely is an avid scuba diver and she loves to shop. She is also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a club here at Clackamas that ties Christianity into the world of sports. How would Schiely describe her experience at Clackamas?

"I absolutely love it here," said Schiely. "Not only is the volleyball program awesome, but my whole experience here has been awesome. I have had a lot of fun playing volleyball, but I was also really glad that Clackamas is such a good school."

Although her parents live in Port Angeles, Wash., Schiely still remains very close to her family, describing herself as a "daddy's girl."

"My parents are like my biggest supporters. It kills my dad that he can't see me every time I play," said Schiely.

Schiely has played volleyball since the second grade and started playing competitively in eighth grade. She attended Reynolds High School in Gresham, where she played varsity volleyball for three years. During her senior year, she was captain of the volleyball team and was the valedictorian at Reynolds, having earned a 4.04 grade point average.

Schiely is largely responsible for the success her team has had this year. She is one of seven sophomores returning from last year's team, which placed third at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's (NWAACC) champi-



SCHIELY

onship tournament.

This year Schiely was voted most valuable player in the NWAACC southern region. She is confident and ready as the regular season comes to an end and her team prepares for the upcoming NWAACC tournament.

"Our goal this year is to win the NWAACC's," said Schiely.

Though she has not yet declared a major, Schiely wants to do something in the field of medicine. She has been contacted by

Concordia and Warner Pacific and is unsure whether she will move on to play volleyball.

Schiely will be missed by Head Volleyball Coach Kathie Woods.

"What can I say about Lindsay?" said Woods. "She is an excellent leader and the most dedicated and hard-working Cougar to

ever play volleyball at Clackamas. I can't think of anyone that doesn't like Lindsay; she's an even better person than she is a volleyball player and that says a lot."

"I've always tried to be the best that I could be."

Lindsay Schiely
Volleyball Player