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bounce, bounce! Cougars Trisha Little (left) and Kate O'Brien (4) wait for the ball to drop at last Saturday's NWAACC quarterfinal game. Cougars defeated Treasure Valley CC 3-0 as Cougar footballer Vicky Rodriguez scored all three Clackamas goals. This weekend, Nov. 20-21, Cougars will participate in the NWAACC Championships held at Tukwila, Wash.

Clackamas still making history

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History was made last week when the women's team defeated Treasure Valley CC 3-0, ensuring their first trip to the NWAACC semifinal game. Head Coach Tracy Nelson was pleased with the team's improvement, as the Cougars advanced into the semifinal weekend. The team didn't possess the ball as often in the past, but they have wanted by get-

ting the win and the shutout," Nelson said. The game was scoreless until the 28-minute mark, when freshman Tianna Medurri was fouled in the goalie box and the Cougars were awarded a penalty shot. The team's leading goal-scorer, Vicky Rodriguez, fired the free kick into the lower right corner of the net giving the Cougars their first goal in this year's playoffs. Moments later, the Cougars scored again, when Rodriguez put on a picturesque move on a Treasure Valley defender and lobbed the ball into the goal-box. Ashley Webster was able

to put a foot onto the pass from Rodriguez to give the Cougars a 2-0 lead heading going into halftime. Rodriguez added her second goal in the second half to give the undefeated Cougars a well-deserved win. The Cougars will face Spokane College in their semifinal game this Saturday. Like Treasure Valley, Spokane is from the Northeast Division of the NWAACC. "We got a good idea how the North division plays," Nelson said. "They're big, aggressive and direct." Clackamas will be the No. 1

team out of the four remaining teams in the postseason. Northeast Division Champion, Walla Walla CC, lost in their quarterfinal game to Tacoma CC. Coach Nelson was surprised to see that Walla Walla lost, but as she has said before, anything can happen in the playoffs. "[This weekend] we have to come out and play the best we have played all year. All the little things become so big, and one mistake can cost you the game," Nelson said. Heading into the final weekend of the season, the Cougars are healthy and ready to bring

home their first NWAACC championship. The only injury concern comes from Medurri. Late in the second half of Saturday's win, Medurri was elbowed in the face by an opponent and was forced to leave the field and head to the hospital. Medurri should be ready to play this weekend, despite the stitches she received under her left eye. The team said they would like to thank all the fans who showed up to cheer them on in their quarterfinal victory. The team emphasized that the fan support really meant a lot to them.

Mendoza, Slover shine bright, wrestling stays uber busy

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hosting a takedown tournament on Saturday, Clackamas made their way to Forrest University for Pacific University's tournament, where they showed individual placement despite an overall loss. Clackamas also hosted several tournaments from the area, including the Oregon, Oregon State, Oregon, and Pacific tournaments, as well as a tournament for unattached individuals who were not attached to any team. Clackamas has a great spot for wrestling this year with 141-pound wrestler Shane Cook who wrestled some heavy competition and finished well into the top 10 of the bracket. "I beat a four-time Montana state champion," said Clackamas Head Coach Lloyd Martindale, "twice, actually." Martindale was most surprised by Octavio Mendosa, who said Clackamas Assistant Coach

Lloyd Martindale, "he stepped up and wrestled well. He can do some great things for this team." Mendosa, according to Martindale, wrestled six matches on Sunday, which amounted to a very long day for the 149-pound wrestler. Following an arguably busy weekend, the coaching staff still has high hopes for their wrestlers, and they still have their eyes set on the championships at the end of the year. "We had some guys out that didn't wrestle 'cause they were beat-up from Saturday," said Martindale, "but the guys that were stepping in and wrestling wrestled well." There's no official word on when Tim Cook will be wrestling again after a shoulder injury last week. Haluska says he's butting heads a little with Cook because Cook wants to wrestle despite his shoulder, but his injury, according to Coach Martindale, is one that still needs some time to heal. Clackamas will be hosting a dual meet against North Idaho tomorrow in Randall Hall at 7 p.m., and will be headed to Southern Oregon University on Saturday.



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The official looks on as Clackamas wrestler Alex Bubb (bottom) grapples with his competition at last week's home match.

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