

# Cougars rebound

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The Clackamas Cougar men improved to 3-2 in the NWAACC Southern Division and 15-3 overall with a pair of road wins last week over Portland CC and Lane CC.

Last Wednesday, the Cougars got 27 points and nine rebounds from sophomore Wes Jensen and 24 points from freshman Micah Mooney as they blew out the Panthers from Portland CC by a score of 96-65.

Clackamas used tough defense and poor shooting by PCC to run out to a 52-22 halftime lead en route to the rout. PCC shot 21 percent on 7-34 from the field in the opening half, allowing the Cougars to open up their high-voltage offense. The Cougars coasted through the second half, never letting Portland back into the contest.

Sophomore Maycol Rivera tossed in 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while freshman Brian Freeman added 12 points and hauled in nine boards to help in the blowout. The Cougars shot 50 percent for the game on 36-72 and crushed the Panthers off the glass, outrebounding their opponent 61-35.

Portland was led by the 24 points from Keena Payton, while Dylan Hettrich had 13 points and Ahmed Yusef added 12 for the losing Panthers, who fell to 2-3 in the division and 6-12 overall.

Saturday night, Clackamas traveled down to Eugene to take on the Lane CC Titans and the Cougars put down Lane by a score of 84-72. Jensen again led the Cougars in the scoring column, garnering 23 points and 10 rebounds, while Rivera chipped in 14 points and also grabbing 10 boards. Freeman added 12 points and eight rebounds, freshman post Garold Howe had 12 points and sophomore Matt Sanders had 11 points.

Lane got a game-high 25 points from freshman forward Joshua Akwenuke, while Maurice Ross had 18 points and Aaron Collins added 10 for the Titans, who fell to 0-5 in the NWAACC South and 7-12 overall with the loss.

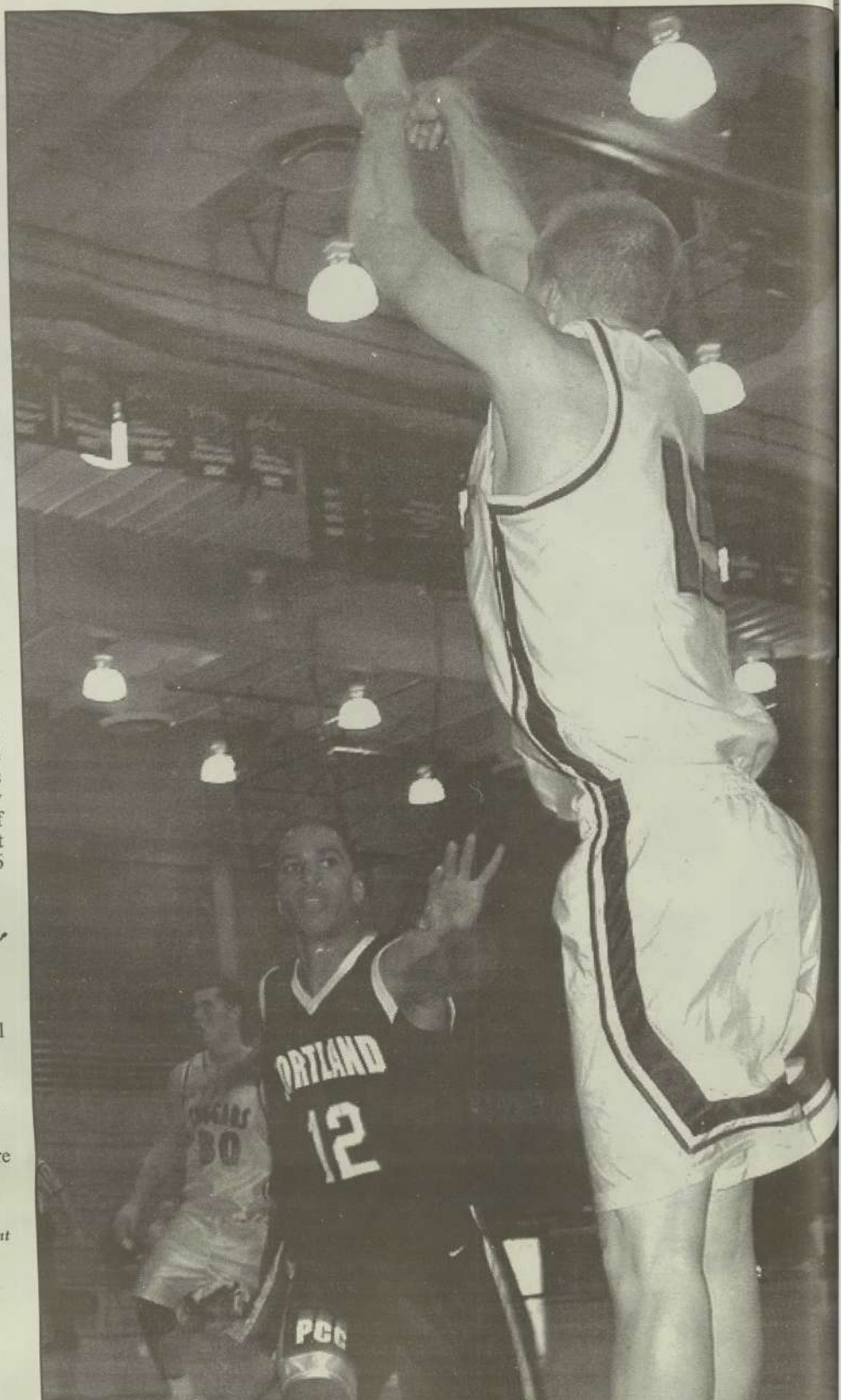
The Cougar men will take on the Umpqua CC Timbermen tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Randall Hall gym. Clackamas goes on the road to Coos Bay Saturday to take on the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon CC. That game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on the SWOCC campus.

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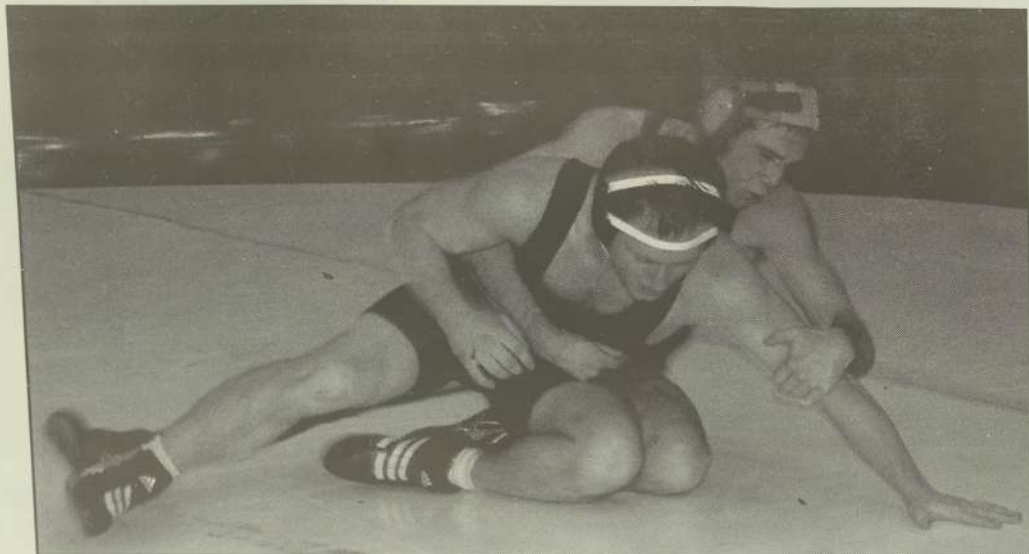
Please attend tonight's basketball games in the Randall gym. The women tip-off at 5:30 p.m. and the men are slated to tip-off at 7:30 p.m. The men are currently ranked No. 2 in the NWAACC Coaches' Poll and the women are ranked No. 4.

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Here come the ballers! Wes Jensen (15) elevates and releases as Cody Bass (30) makes his way under the hoop during last Wednesday's win over PCC 96-65. Jensen scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds, Bass added three points in the win. The Cougars are now 15-3 overall and bounced back with two league wins last week after losing two straight league games.



## Wrestlers take a week to recoup; Bubb looking forward to post-season



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The NJCAA gave Clackamas wrestlers a week to recoup as shoulder problems and other injuries continue to cause problems for the team. After a hard fought loss at last Friday's dual (above) and a solid showing at their own tournament the next day, the team continues to feel like their hard work is starting to pay off. The wrestlers are finished with their home duals for the season, and look to their last meet this Saturday, Jan. 30 in Coos Bay against South Western Community College. After that, it's two weeks off to heal shoulder injuries, etc., and prepare themselves before the regional championships, where qualifiers will move on to the national tournament. Alex Bubb (157 lbs.) said he looks forward to some national open tournaments in April, including trips to Las Vegas and Chicago.

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