

# Women's ball ends on high note



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ABOVE: Kasie Elliot (11) works around a Mt. Hood defender in the Cougars' blowout of the Saints. ABOVE RIGHT: Rochelle Reeves (22) led the team with 15 points on Wednesday, and helped Clackamas with her outside touch in the win Saturday.



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*The Women ballers will have a strong playoff seed going into the post-season*

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The Clackamas women are winding down the regular season and preparing for the upcoming NWAACC tournament next week. The Cougars blew out Mt. Hood CC and squeaked by a talented Umpqua CC team down in Roseburg last week to solidify their seeding for the conference championships.

Last Wednesday, the Cougars honored three departing sophomores before playing in their final home game at CCC. Kasie Elliot, Lindsey Boeckman and L'Trece Prewitt were honored by the crowd and their teammates for their contributions to a great program. The Cougars went on to blow out the Saints by a score of 88-35.

Rochelle Reeves led a very balanced Cougar attack with 15 points, while LaToya Hill added 14. Vanessa Schmitz had

13 points and Kayla Ohlman came off the bench with a solid 10 points and nine rebounds.

Saturday, the Cougars traveled down to Roseburg to take on the No. 2 ranked Umpqua Timberwomen, and behind a 32-point, nine-rebound effort from Hill, came back home with an 82-79 victory.

"We struggled offensively in the first half; we just couldn't get anything going," said Head Coach Jim Martineau. "[Rochelle] Reeves hit a big three-point shot at the end of the half to tie the game and help keep us in it."

Both teams kept going back and forth throughout the second half, with neither team opening up more than a four-point lead until the five-minute mark left in regulation. Then Umpqua used a big push to open up a nine-point lead at 79-70 with about three minutes left.

But Kellie Morey hit a three to cut the lead to 79-73 and on the next Umpqua possession, Hill stole a pass and drove for a layup to cut the lead to four. After two more Clackamas baskets tied the game with a little under a minute left, tough

Cougar defense forced Umpqua turnover. With one in the building, Cougar leading scorer Hill took the last shot, Hill found wide-open Morey out beyond the arc, who drained the shot with six seconds left to the Cougars the 82-79. Umpqua missed a desperation three-point attempt at the buzzer and Clackamas ran out of the gym with a huge win.

"We played well down the stretch and our toughness showed," said Martineau. "Hill had a great ball game plus we got huge efforts from Reeves and Prewitt. [Ohlman] had her second consecutive great game off the bench, giving us eight points in the second half."

The Lady Cougars improved their record to 6 overall and 10-3 in the Southern Division with a win at Umpqua. Clackamas continues to hold onto first place in the division, just one game behind Umpqua. Clackamas will take on Portland State at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the Sylvania in the final regular season game.

## Cougars to take 'shot' at NWAACC

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As the spring sports season draws closer, the track and field teams, under Head Coach Jack Kegg, are busy preparing to defend the cache of trophies they won in 2004.

The women's team has high expectations this year as the six members of the champion cross country team join 12 more and they get ready to chase that NWAACC title.

"I'm really excited," said Kegg of both the men and women. "This has been one of the best teams for getting along and creating a family atmosphere."

The men are expecting 25 members to return from last year's team, the only team in their region to place in the NWAACC championships. With that much experience returning to the team, Kegg feels that as long as they continue to work hard, they'll do well for themselves this season.

"I think our guys have the talent to win NWAACC," said Kegg. "We're definitely in the hunt to win."

Basketball season is still wrapping up, so a few members of the team have yet to come to practice because of their current responsibilities. Talent like Sean Jones, who pole-vaulted 16 feet, 3.25 inches in the pre-season indoor and set the third best record in the history of

Clackamas, is making sure the team progresses well enough to achieve their golden goals this season.

Also looking strong this season are Casey Kauffman, who's hot on the heels of the men's javelin record, and Carly Schuening, who's already throwing 41.5 feet in the pre-season and placed fourth in the shot-put last year. With numbers like these, Kegg's sure his team will be heavily competitive this year.

"I don't think this team can lose and reach its potential," said Kegg.

The track season will open on March 5 against Willamette and the team will head to Stanford during spring break for one of the top four competitions in the country.



Freshman Carly Schuening shows the boys how it's done during shot-put practice on Tuesday. Patiently waiting their turn (from left) are Chris Dilley, Lucas Ohmes, Chris Hoppie, David Arndt, and Mike Jenkins.

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