

Ladies hold first in Southern Division

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Last Saturday was the second in two days for the Clackamas women, both coming on the road.

The Cougs went out of state this weekend, playing in Walla Walla and Spokane, the homes of two of the toughest teams in the NWAACC.

"It's definitely tough to play on the road, especially two weekends in a row. The traveling definitely takes its toll on the team," said Head Coach Tracy Nelson. "This weekend we played who we hope to see in the semifinals and the finals. Walla Walla and Spokane are really good teams; we knew it was gonna be tough."

On Friday the Clackamas women took their road trip all the way to Spokane CC, home to a solid team with a good record of 10-2-3.

The Spokane women gave the lady Cougs trouble. Clackamas came up empty-handed, serving up a rare scoreless game. Spokane on the other hand came out shooting, scoring 11:00 minutes into regulation.

Clackamas tried catching up for most the rest of the game, but caught a dagger in the heart when Spokane scored the second and last goal of the day. The Cougars fell 2-0, and were handed their second loss of the season.

Clackamas started strong Saturday against Walla Walla, playing a good defensive

game before Hannah Nash kicked in a goal 36:15 into the match, giving the Cougars a 1-0 lead.

The Walla Walla Warriors weren't going away easily, however. They scored less than seven minutes later, tying the game at a goal a piece.

Walla Walla put it away at 59:40 of regulation, scoring the last goal of the day, giving the Lady Cougars their third loss of the season. Clackamas just wasn't able to come up with the goal that they needed to give them the tie. The Warriors remain undefeated and on top of the NWAACC.

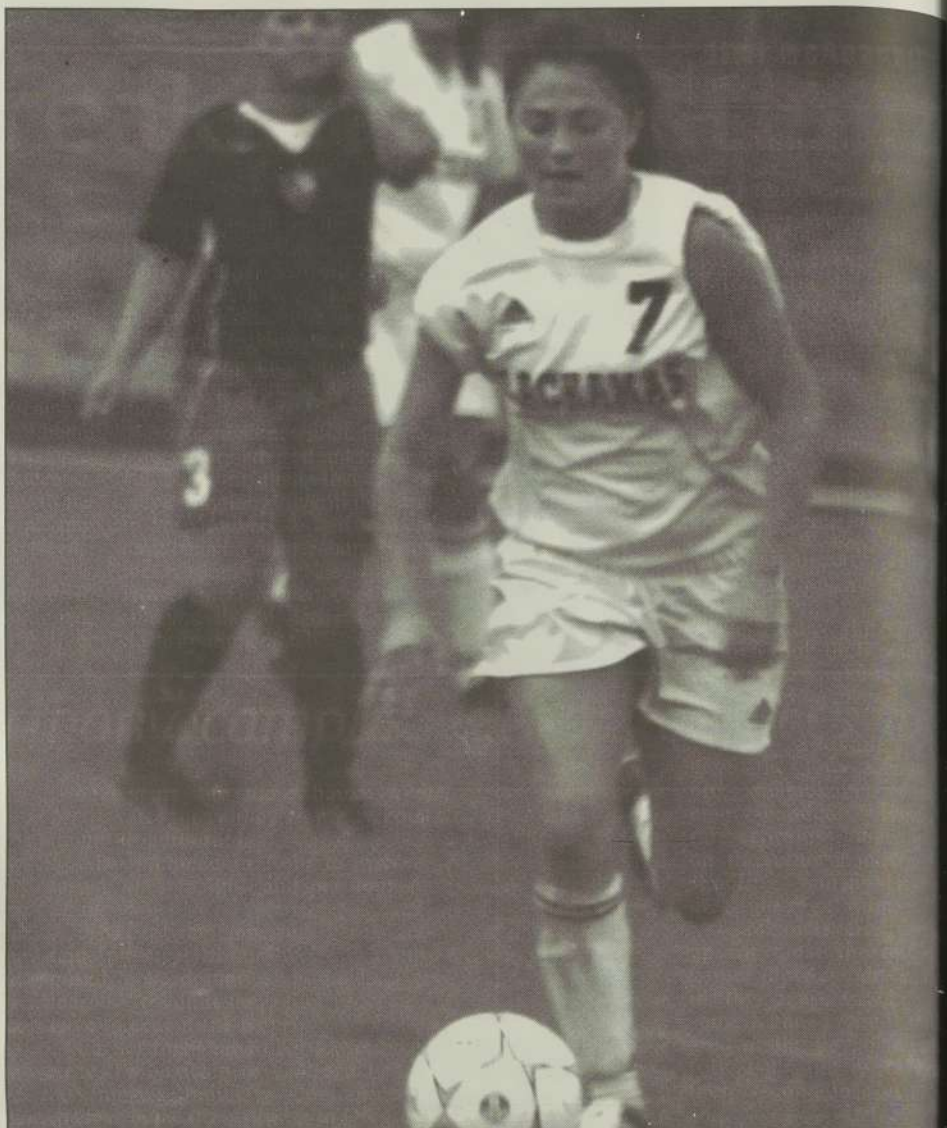
"We played really well but we just weren't able to finish on our scoring opportunities," said Nelson. "If we do that, then we win."

Although this weekend wasn't one of the best for the women the future still looks bright. With a tough record of 10-3-1 the Lady Cougars sit alone at first in the Southern Division, and still have one of the best records in the NWAACC.

"I think these two losses will eventually make us a better team," said Nelson. "Teams need to go through things like this. It will only make us better."

The next game will be Friday Oct. 28 here at Clackamas, when the Cougars will take on the Hawks from Columbia Basin CC at 2 p.m.

According to Hannah Nash and goalkeeper Jyella Deloney, the Cougars "should win this next game ... actually we're gonna win this game!"



Sophomore Tianna Meduri (7) helps make up some ground from the defenders. The Lady Cougars lost their last two regular season games but still hold first place in the Southern Division. *Andy Zehrung Clackamas Print*



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