

Cougar basketball in full tilt

Men past halfway point of season; 13-6 overall

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Freshman Alex Brock scored in 28 points to help Clackamas Cougar men beat Southwestern Oregon 107-75 Saturday night in Bay. The win evened Cougars' record at 2-2 in Southern Division of the NWAACC and 13-6 overall this season.

The Cougars got 21 points and 10 rebounds from sophomore Martin Axnick and David Cemin chipped in 21 points and six assists. Jake Kettles had 17 points and eight rebounds, while Steven Vaughan added nine rebounds.

The Cougars opened league play on Jan. 11 with an 89-77 win over Portland CC with Sims busting out 22 points in the win. Cemin con-

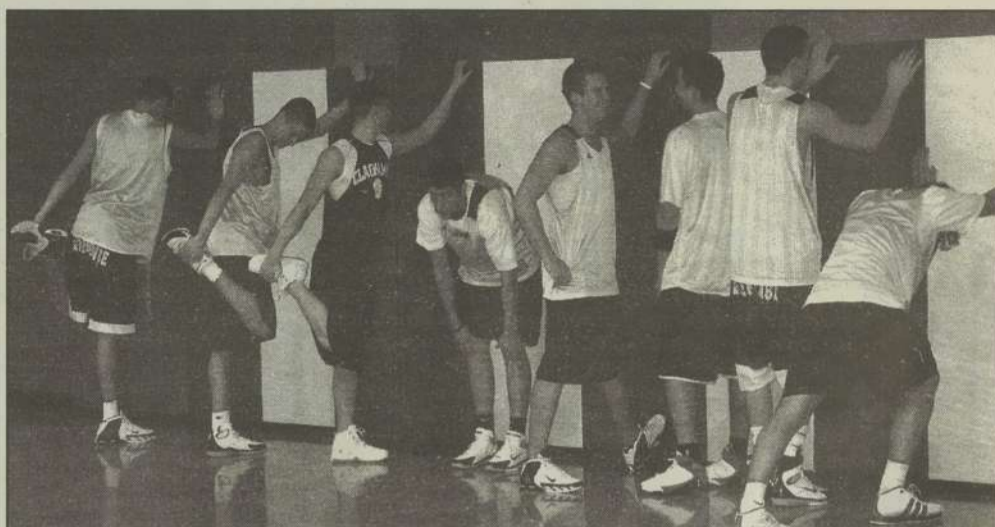
tributed 17 points and seven rebounds, and Kettles added 14 points.

Lane CC handed the Cougars their first league loss in a mild upset Jan. 14, by a score of 93-87. Sims led the Cougars with 30 points and nine rebounds, while Cemin tossed in 17 points and Vaughan added 12 points.

The Cougars traveled to Salem on Jan. 18 and the Chemeketa Storm sent the Cougars packing with a 69-66 loss.

Sims led Clackamas with 17 points and seven rebounds, Vaughan chipped in 16 points and 10 rebounds and Kettles had a solid all-around game with 11 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

The Cougars travel to Roseburg tonight to take on Umpqua CC in a 7:30 p.m. game, and then go to Albany on Saturday to go against Linn-Benton CC in a game with a 6



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Cougars Nick Haney, Alex Brock, Anthony Mink, Micah Mooney, Jake Kettles, David Cernin, Garold Howe, and Martin Axnick warm up before practice in the Randall gym.

p.m. tip-off. Clackamas' next home game is Feb. 1, when the Cougars take on the Saints of Mt. Hood CC. Game time is 7:30 p.m. in the Randall Hall gym.

Women undefeated in conference at 4-0

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The Clackamas women's basketball team has jumped out to a 4-0 start in the Southern Division of the NWAACC with a huge win over previously unbeaten Lane CC in an 80-54 dismantling of Southwestern Oregon CC in Bay last Saturday night.

"We are playing very well now; the girls have really stepped up their play since the beginning of league," said Coach Jim Martineau.

"Our team is getting more confident as the season wears on and they are getting a better idea of what they really can do."

The three returning sophomore starters from last year's team, LaToya Hill, Rochelle Reeves and Kellie Morey, have played very consistently through the early schedule. Hill has had her offensive load cut down considerably from last season, when she was one of the NWAACC's top scorers.

With more help from her fellow sophomores and some dynamic freshmen, Hill has become a true playmaker.

She is averaging 12.1 points and almost 8 assists per game so far.

Reeves is averaging 14.6 points per game and has become a steadying force on both ends of the court, while Morey has chipped in 10.9 points per game in the early going.

Freshman Charday Hunt, from Tigard, leads the Cougars with 19.9 points and 7 rebounds per game. Hunt poured in a season-high 34 points in the 92-80 win over Lane and has delivered the big inside presence that the Cougars sorely missed last season.

Along with fellow freshmen Kellyn Cooper from Corvallis and Monique Tribble from Coquille, the Cougars are more feared than in the past because they have the inside game to match their perennially-powerful perimeter game.

"Our sophomores have done a great job getting everyone involved inside and outside," said Martineau. "Hill does not have to do as much as we needed her to do last year, and Reeves is shooting very well. Hunt has improved so much in the last 3-4 weeks and has been playing good all-around."

Editors Note:

Please come out and support the Cougars the rest of the regular season and into the NWAACC's.

Upcoming home games:

Mens-
Feb. 1 @ 7:30 vs. Mt. Hood
Feb. 11 @ 6:00 vs. SW Oregon

Womens-
Feb. 1 @ 5:30 vs. Mt. Hood
Feb. 11 @ 4:00 vs. SW Oregon

Superbowl good for NW

Mike Guidice

Sports Editor

The Seattle Seahawks have done the unfathomable: they have finally reached the Super Bowl.

The Pacific Northwest is buzzing with excitement and anticipation after the 'Hawks qualified this last Sunday. If you are a football enthusiast in the Northwest, there is a good chance you are a Seahawks fan. The team that has endured countless seasons of mediocrity, disappointment, and discord has finally reached the pinnacle of sports games.

After defeating the Washington Redskins 20-10 in the Divisional round, the Seahawks dominated the Carolina Panthers from the opening kickoff in the NFC Championship game en route to a 34-14 win.

The team has flourished due to a revamped defense that has excelled with key free agent acquisitions, and an offense led by the league's regular season MVP Shaun Alexander. The 'Hawks had their doubters entering the playoffs, seeing as how the team hadn't won a playoff game since 1984, but they quickly dispelled any questions about their ability by winning both of their contests

handily.

Home field advantage seems to have been the real deciding factor for this flock of fighting fowl. The team never had this luxury in the past, and with the state-of-the-art Qwest Field becoming the league's loudest and most ruckus atmosphere, it is a real challenge for opposing teams.

Sports fans in the Northwest simply haven't had a whole lot to cheer about lately. The Blazers and Sonics are horrendous, and the Mariners aren't exactly a force to be reckoned with either. Even my beloved Ducks have left fans with a bad taste in their mouth after the Holiday Bowl. If the Seahawks were to win the Super Bowl it would restore some much needed respectability in northwest sports.

The Seahawks have a good chance of winning the big game and gaining national attention, giving back to the people of Oregon and Washington who have had to endure so many years of futility and frustration. For them to lose in the biggest game of their lives would be nothing short of failure. The good people of the Pacific Northwest who have had to put up with the antics of the Trailblazers and what seems like 7000 straight days of rain deserve to be spoiled, at least for one season.

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