

# Lady Cougars enter tournament as two seed

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The Clackamas Print

The Clackamas women's basketball team finished up the regular season with a convincing 85-61 victory over Mt. Hood CC in Gresham last Wednesday, and now take a number-two seed from the Southern Division into this weekend's NWAACC tournament.

"We played fairly well. It really took us a long time to put Mt. Hood away," said head Coach Jim Martineau. "Mt. Hood is a really tough place to play and we usually don't score very well in that gym, so to put up 85 points there is a big accomplishment."

Charday Hunt led the Cougar offense with 22 points, and also hauled down nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Rochelle Reeves tallied

19 points and nine rebounds. Kellie Morey added 19 points, and LaToya Hill had 14 points in the win.

Next up for the Cougars will be the Olympic College Lady Rangers in a 10 p.m. first-round match-up. Olympic defeated Clackamas earlier this season at the NWAACC Crossover Tournament, so the Cougars have some idea about the match-ups facing them at the NWAACC championships.

"It may have been the turning point of our season after Olympic beat us at the crossover; it was a game that really woke us up," said Martineau. "If there is any such thing as a great loss, then that was it. We have really improved our game since, and it helped us playing in a tough division."

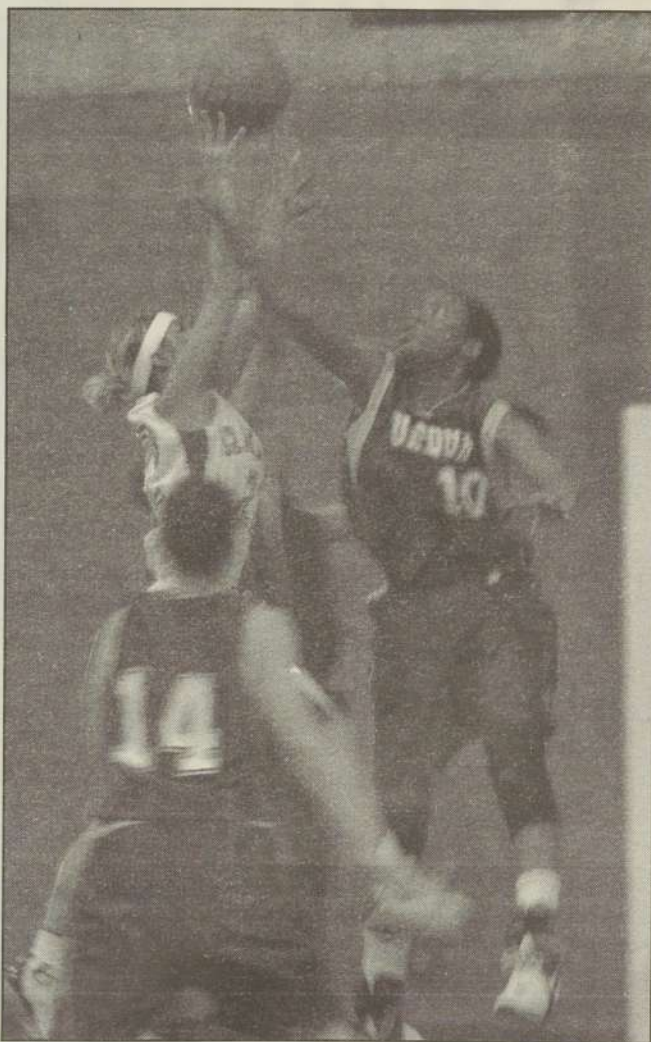
The NWAACC tournament runs tomorrow through Sunday at the Toyota Center (formerly the Tri-Cities Coliseum)

in Kennewick, Washington. Clackamas opens tournament play at 10 p.m. on Thursday, a fact not lost on the Clackamas coach.

"I don't see playing so late as an advantage or a disadvantage, but it is a different scenario for us, that is for sure," said Martineau. "We have been pretty fortunate the last few years at the tournament. As long as we play hard and play smart, get a couple of breaks and stay healthy, we will be OK."

First round of NWAACC Tournament: Kennewick, WA.

March 9 vs. Olympic @ 10 p.m.



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Guard Rochelle Reeves goes up for a contested shot in the paint during a game in the regular season.

## Men's squad confident in abilities

Matt Olson

The Clackamas Print

The Clackamas men's basketball team heads up to Pasco, Washington, this Thursday through Sunday, to compete with 15 other teams at the NWAACC tournament.

Coming into the tournament with a 19-10 record, the fourth seeded Cougar team goes up against Bellevue (23-5) on Thursday. The Cougars will be making their seventh consecutive tournament appearance, as well as striving to make their sixth consecutive placing at the tournament.

"We know these teams pretty well," said Cliff Wegner, head coach of the men's basketball team. "We've got scouting on everyone

in the NWAACC."

With their homework done, it remains for the team to prepare efficiently.

"The thing we do different is spend less time on the court," said Wegner. "We want players with fresh legs." Less is more for the Cougars, and being physically relaxed and mentally prepared is key.

The league itself is split into four divisions corresponding to geological location. Clackamas is in the Southern division, along with Mt. Hood, Chemeketa, Lane, Portland, Linn-Benton, Southwest Oregon and Umpqua. Only Mt. Hood, Lane, Chemeketa and Clackamas will be attending the tournament in Washington.

Depending on the outcome of the game against Bellevue,

Clackamas will either go on to play Big Bend or Gray's Harbor.

According to Wegner, the tournament is a great venue for the players, win or lose. "[The tournament] has better exposure for the kids because more four-year college coaches come."

The five starters, David Cernin, Ervin Sims, Steven Vaughan, Luke Defrees and Jake Kettles, will spearhead the Cougars at the tournament.

"We're just gonna take it game by game," said player Alex Broch.

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March 9 vs. Bellevue @ 4 p.m.

## Pac-10 Tournament tips off today

Mike Guidice

Sports Editor

The Pac-10 Tournament begins today in L.A., stocked full of subplots, controversy and an entirely new and improved format.

The tournament now invites all teams to participate, so even underachieving Ducks, disheartened Beavers and lowly Cougars have a chance, however slim, to win the tournament and get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

UCLA, possessing the coach of the year Ben Howland and the player of the year Luc Richard, edged a Moute, surpassed the Huskies by just one game to win the regular season and end with the tournament's number one seed.

The Huskies are led by the conference's player of the year, Brandon Roy. Roy decided to leave school for his senior season and pass up the millions he could have gained had he gone after his junior year.

The 6-foot-6-inch guard's all-

around game has allowed him to rank second in the conference in scoring, with almost 20 points a game. He was also fourth in the Pac-10 in assists, and ranked in the top 10 in steals and blocked shots.

The Cal Bears come into the tourney sporting the number three seed.

Their unanimous leader is sophomore forward Leon Powe. Powe was in the running for the Pac-10's player of the year; many people even argued that he and Roy should have been Co-MVP's of the conference.

Powe's resume is impressive: he led the conference in scoring by a miniscule margin over Roy, and also ranked number one in rebounding, with almost 10 boards a game.

The biggest disappointment outside of Oregon is the inconsistent Arizona Wildcats. They enter the tourney as the fourth seed with an overall record of 18-11.

There were high expectations for this team full of talented athletes and scoring machines, but they never achieved true team

chemistry and couldn't regularly string together a successful stretch of games.

The Wildcats leading scorer and all-around superstar player senior Hasaan Adams, will not participate in the tournament due to disciplinary actions handed down from the university.

Adams was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol over the weekend and was arrested for having a blood-alcohol level of 0.12 percent. The legal limit in Arizona is 0.08.

Without Adams the team will be severely handicapped, and with their NCAA Tournament chances already in question, this is a very tough blow.

The rest of the teams competing, while seemingly insignificant, theoretically possess the ability to put a string of four consecutive solid games together to win the tournament and make it to March Madness.

Do I see this happening? Not a chance. It is tournament time however, and the games are played on the court and not on paper, so anything is possible.

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