

LADY COUGARS PLAY I SPY FOR THE HALLOWEEN CLASSIC



The volleyball team takes a break from warm-ups to pose for a photo. The team looks for Waldo while Head Coach Kathie Woods stands by as the wizard of Saturday before the big game. Contributed By Dave H.

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The Lady Cougs played a two-day volleyball tournament Friday and Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College.

The Dorian Harris Halloween Classic, named after a former coach who started the tourney at Mt. Hood, had 12 teams participate.

Leading in kills was Sarah Hall with 63 and a 33-percent kill efficiency. Melita Elliot led accurate assists with a total of 146.

Carley Johnson led the team with 100-percent accuracy for serves, with Lindsay Ables close behind with 99 percent.

The Cougars tied for seventh place with Bellevue Community College.

"I felt we played mediocre volleyball. I don't think we played to the best of our abilities," said Head Coach Kathie Woods. "However, there were good performances. Carley had another good tournament where she played consistently well. She led the team in digs and serves. Sarah Hall and Kristel Baeckel also played well."

One tradition that the girls proudly carried on

was the tradition of dressing up in Halloween costumes to play the final bracket on Saturday. This year, the team dressed up as the *Where's Waldo?* character Waldo.

In the past, outfits have included Snow White and the seven dwarves – with more than seven dwarves – Santa and Santa's elves and even Energizer bunnies, complete with Coach Woods dressed as the drum-beating bunny.

"We have been everything from football players, to baseball players, to the Men in Black," Woods said. "It's a fun tradition, one that everyone really gets into."

This tournament, however, was not purely a fun event. The Halloween Classic is also the unofficial preview for the Northwest Athlete Association of Community Colleges (NWAACCs).

Coaches use this tourney to determine the teams' weaknesses and what they need to work on before going to the NWAACCs.

"We need to regroup and continue to work hard," Woods said. "We struggle with confidence at times, being a fairly new team. We need to work on recovering quickly after our mistakes."

The Lady Cougars play in the NWAACC tournament on Nov. 15.



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THIS WEEK IN VOLLEYBALL

Today, the women's volleyball team will play Chemeketa Community College at home. The game starts at 7 p.m. Chemeketa Community College is currently ranked fourth in the Southern Region.

This Friday and Saturday, Clackamas will travel to Bellingham, Wash., to play in the Whatcom Crossover Tournament at Whatcom Community College.

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