

Soccer season ends victoriously

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Scoring 2 to 1 two games in a row, the Clackamas women's soccer team beat out top competitors to win the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championships.

The NWAACC championships were held in the Starfire Stadium in Tukwila, Wash., this last weekend, Nov. 17 and 18.

Saturday night the team played in the semi-finals against the North Region Champion, Shoreline Community College. Freshman players Hayley Koch (#9) and Kelly Lewis (#18), both forwards, scored the two goals for Clackamas.

On Sunday night, they returned for a match-up against Walla Walla Community College, fighting long and hard for the victory.

"They were both good, well-fought playoff games," said Head Coach Tracy Nelson. "We were in there really pressuring them ... it really went back and forth."

In the second game, Lewis again scored a goal, and sophomore team co-captain McKenzie Creamer (#12) slid in another.

The championship was a significant achievement for Clackamas because the team's record, 18-0-1 for the league play, was matched by Walla Walla.

"They played with so much passion," Nelson said.

This is only the sixth season since

the women's soccer team was made a program at the college, yet they have encountered much success.

This year alone, a total of seven Clackamas players have been hand-selected for the 2007 Women's Soccer All-Star Team, which will represent the South-West Region All-Stars in the South vs. West All-Star game Dec. 1.

These players are team co-captain goalie/forward Georgie Christensen (#0), team co-captain midfield/forward McKenzie Creamer (#12), forwards Hayley Koch (#9) and Kelly Lewis (#18), defenders Tarra McCarthy (#3) and Caitlin Mandeville (#11) and midfield Miriam Coto (#7). Christensen, Creamer and Coto are representing the college as all-stars for a second time.

The team has made the NWAACC playoffs every year since the beginning of the program, and although many players transfer to a university after two years at Clackamas, the team has stayed incredibly strong.

Nelson said that "eight to 10 players leave every year." The team is "looking to recruit 10 to 12 new players each year."

"Every team is different, and every team is unique ... this has been one of my best teams," Nelson said of the 2007 team. The group has done so well, she said, because "it is a whole team effort."



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LEFT: Co-captain and goalkeeper Georgie Christensen was awarded the Tournament MVP. Christensen was also selected to play in the All-Star game taking place on Dec. 1 in Tukwila, Wash. This is her second time receiving the honor.

ABOVE: The team celebrates their victory over Walla Walla with a winning score of 2-1. The two goals were scored by freshmen Hayley Koch and Kelly Lewis.



Volleyball places fourth at NWAACC championships

The Cougar volleyball team fell short during the Northwest Association of Community Colleges championships, held Nov. 15 through 18.

Defeated in three of four games, the ladies hold the fourth-place ranking for the Southern Region.

The first set against Whatcom Community College began on a high point, with Clackamas winning 30-27, but the victory was soon annulled as Whatcom came back to win the next three games.

In their second set of games versus Bellevue Community College, Clackamas was victorious. With overall better blocking and more kills than Bellevue, the Cougars crept up with one win. Kristel Baeckel showed off her skill with 12 overall kills.

During the team's last game against Clark Community College, the Cougars' NWAACC goals were cut short. In the three-game set Clackamas won the first and lost the last two, not qualifying for the championship.

The team is young, and there is always hope for next year.

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Taya Clark, LEFT, and Carley Johnson block a shot during the Pierce contest. Johnson was selected for the All-Star game. She ended the season with a 99 percent serving efficiency and 451 digs. In 115 games she had 323 kills.

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Turkey Trot tradition draws crowd, supports good cause

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Clackamas students, faculty and staff gathered outside of Randall Hall, near the tennis courts, Tuesday for the annual Turkey Trot.

Participating in the event were three walkers and 13 runners, 10 of whom were members of the women's volleyball team.

According to Coach Kathie Woods, who coordinated the Turkey Trot, attendees were asked to donate one canned

food item as an "entry fee."

Woods will give the donations to ASG, who will donate them to a local food bank.

"It's a fun run-walk-jog, so it's not really ... well, it can be competitive because of the turkeys we give away to the top male and female competitors," Woods said.

Individuals followed the jogging path around the Douglas loop for one lap - just over two miles - and ended back at Barlow, where names were drawn from a hat for pie door prizes.

"The Turkey Trot origi-

nated 25 years ago," Woods said. "The trail didn't use to be there, so we had to use the road - security had to lead us."

Assistant Volleyball Coach Lindsay Schiely won first place in the women's race. She passed on the first-prize turkey in favor of a Dutch apple pie.

"My family has always brought turkey every year, so I always bring pie," Schiely said.

Anyone from Clackamas may participate, Woods said. "You can still run with us, but you can't win any prizes unless you donate food."



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LEFT: Assistant Volleyball Coach Lindsay Schiely leads the pack of runners in the annual Turkey Trot.

ABOVE LEFT: The male and female winners, Nathan Ingram and Schiely, display their prizes. Ingram chose the traditional prize of a turkey, while Schiely chose a Dutch apple pie instead.

ABOVE: A group of runners participate in the Turkey Trot. The competition started from the lower parking lot of Randall Hall.