

Athlete of the Week: David Fife

David Fife's hero is his father, who has been a supportive coach to his son

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David Fife doesn't live by any motivational quotes idolize any professional athletes – he simply plays a game of basketball.

"Just pass me the ball and watch what I do with it," said.

Fife plays post and wing for the Cougars, and is a sophomore at the college.

While other athletes may be inspired by big-time players such as Michael Jordan, Fife's biggest source of encouragement is his father.

"He was the one who first introduced me to basketball, and has been my coach since second grade," Fife said.

"He was the most supportive coach," he added. "No matter how I played, he made me feel like he was happy and proud for me."

Fife graduated from Canby High School in 2005 with a 3.87 GPA and then played for the Willamette University basketball team.

Aside from basketball, he has participated in track, baseball, soccer and football.

"I always liked basketball the

best," he said. "I was good at the other sports but just decided to focus on basketball."

Fife has even broken two records: a record for shooting three-pointers and one for scoring 42 points in one game.

Those records have earned Fife quite a fan-following.

Associated Student Government member Michael Vu makes it to every Cougars basketball game. He finds Fife simply entertaining to watch.

"He is insane; he is like Michael Jordan," Vu said. "He has a suave style of play and has smooth, dance-like moves on the basketball court."

"He is one of the most real guys on and off the court," said another student fan, Daniele Schmader.

Freshmen Brad King and J.C. Cook, both Fife's teammates, acknowledge Fife's extraordinary qualities.

"He is one of the funniest and most entertaining guys to be around," Cook said.

"He has a lot of energy, and is ... an all-around great player," King said.

Despite Fife's versatility on the court, he plans on pursuing a career in business rather than basketball, and is working on accruing transfer credits so that he can study at another school.

"I don't know what college I will be going to yet," he said, "but I just hope it will be close to home."

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Women's basketball loses position in league

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This past week, men's basketball got their game back, while women's basketball lost their grip on their winning streak.

The men's basketball team was defeated by Chemeketa last Wednesday 70-85 but dominated over Lane on Saturday, winning the game 96-78.

Women's basketball was defeated in both of their games; they lost 47-55 to Chemeketa and 42-78 to Lane. This is a big upset to the team's six wins in a row.

"It was a big letdown after knocking off the top-ranked team in the previous game," said Women's Basketball Coach Jim Martineau. "I think we expected to show up and the opponent was going to give it to us."

"Obviously, we struggled most of the game offensively," he added. "The first half, our defense did a good job keeping it close. We were down 25-31 with less than four minutes to play in the half ... Lane [closed] the half on a 9-0 run.

"[The] second half [was] more of the same; we battled hard, but their depth was too much for us. The last 10 minutes got really sloppy."

This brings the women's standings to 5-4 in league play and 15-8 in season play.

The men's standings are now 6-3 in league play and 14-10 in season play.

Both the men's and women's teams will face off against Portland Community College in a home game today. The women will play at 5:30 p.m. and the men at 7:30 p.m. in the Randall Gym.

Their next game will be Feb. 9 in Albany against Linn-Benton. The women will play at 4 p.m., and the men will play at 6 p.m.



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In the home game against Umpqua Community College on Saturday, Jan. 26, David Fife showed off his all-around versatility on the court. Whether it was shooting or guarding, Fife led the game until rolling his ankle before the second half. The Cougars lost 104-88.

Games this Week

Men's Basketball

Today, vs. Portland (home) at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9, at Linn-Benton (Albany) at 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Feb. 9, Region 18 Championships (home) 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball

Today, vs. Portland (home) at 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 9, at Linn-Benton (Albany) at 4 p.m.

Sports Scores

Men's Basketball

01-30-08 – Chemeketa 85, Clackamas 70

02-02-08 – Clackamas 96, Lane 78

Women's Basketball

01-30-08 – Chemeketa 55, Clackamas 47

02-02-08 – Lane 78, Clackamas 42