

# Cougs raise money, hold ranking

*Lady Cougars hold their position in a three way Southern Oregon tie for first place*

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On Jan. 31, game against Southwest Oregon won by the lady Cougars 53-38. Yet, with many players, who usually play so well, pink warmers aren't enough to distract from the Cougars unused talent this game. Despite the point loss against Umpqua, the Cougars hold their number two spot out of all the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges competitors.

The Umpqua game may have slightly damped the women's spirits, since the following game against Southwest Oregon lacked their high scores and multiple fireball shots. Perhaps their confidence will be gained back in the game against Linn-Benton, which is the seventh ranked team and with no top 10 players. It should be an easy win. Even still, compared to other NWAACC teams who can't boast the number of wins the Cougars can, the game was still a win with a victory of more than a game.

The leg warmers were a small demonstration of the higher purpose for the night: to raise money for cancer research.

Coach Jim Martineau explained that the fundraising aspect of the night, "went really well. The team donated money from a raffle, and the money from ticket sales, totaling in \$300."

He went on to state that, "Almost every NWAACC game that night was a part of this fundraiser, which was organized by Coach Wagner in honor of Coach Warden who died earlier this year. All of the men's and the majority of women's coaches were involved in the event."

All NWAACC teams will contribute during the actual tournament.

"(All) the funds will be combined to write one big check to the American Cancer Association," says Martineau.

Not only was it beneficial monetarily but Martineau says that, "It was a good experience for all the kids, and they were pretty excited."

Despite their win, Martineau seemed disappointed in his team's performance, saying that, "The game didn't go so well," and "The team played a good defense, but shot badly."

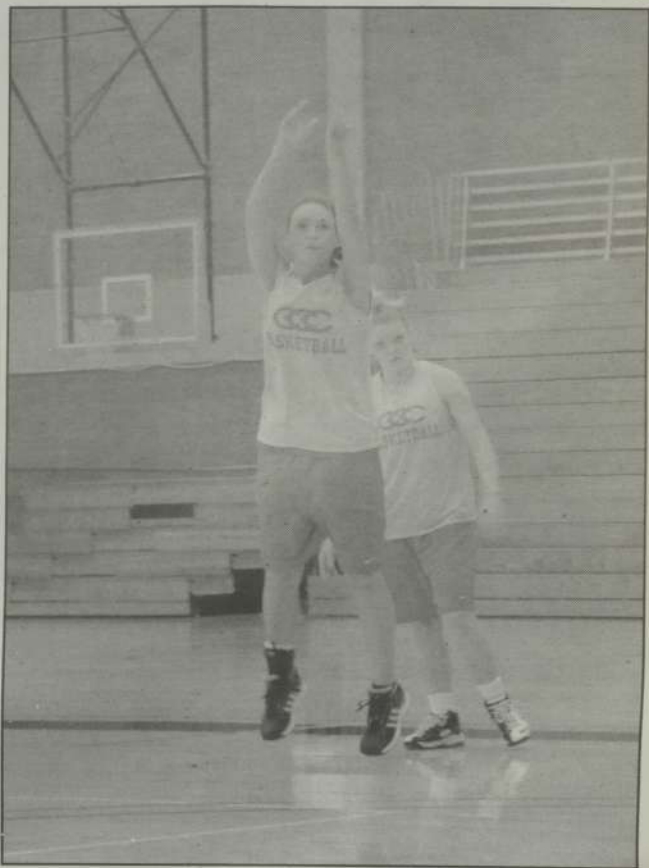
Martineau regarded the playing as "minor in comparison to the cause."

"The fundraiser went great. It's a good cause with a pretty good turn out."

With only a month left until the NWAACC Championships the excitement is gaining. The NWAACC Web site lists several team members as "players to watch" including Shayla Fetters, Rylee Peterson, Dayle Powell, and Brittany Duty.

Fetters and Peterson are both top ranking players - Peterson being the number three player out of all NWAACC competitors. With all this talent, the Cougars should be able to maul the competition.

Even if the dent in cancer is as narrow as the lady Cougars win against Southwest, that's still a step in the right direction.



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Guard Melissa Fay, right, and forward Erica Filipeti, left, practice in Randall Gym. The Lady Cougars took down the fifth ranked Linn-Benton Roadrunners on Feb. 7 with a score of 90-53.

**Next Game:** Both the men's and women's basketball teams will play their next games at home in the Randall Gym against the Chemeketa Storm Feb. 11. The ladies start at 5:30 p.m. and the men start at 7:30.

## Clackamas Scoreboard

### Men's Basketball

January 7, 2009

Clackamas (94) 9-0 21-2

Dorman 9-12 3-3 25, Tapscott 8-16 2-4 16, Wilde 1-0 0-2, Cook 9-12 3-3 25, Dunn 3-7 2-2 8, Totals 38-76 13 94.

Linn-Benton (83) 5-4 9-12

Sundquist 8-15 4-4 20, Madison 2-4 0-0 4, Christie 7-3 3 9, Carter 5-12 2-2 12, Teutsch 5-8 3-6 13.

### NWAACC Stat Leaders

Scoring -  
#1 Chehales Tapscott  
#2 JC Cook  
Rebounds -  
#1 Chehales Tapscott  
#2 JC Cook  
Assist -  
#10 Austin Dunn

### Women's Basketball

January 21, 2009

Clackamas (90) 8-1 7-4

Fetters 1-4 0-0 3, St. Paul 2-8 4-6 8, Peterson 10-14 3-3 28, Powell 6-10 0-0 25, Duty 8-16 6-8 22, Totals 31-68 18-27 90.

Linn-Benton (52) 4-5 8-12

Duckworth 6-17 2-5 15, Watson 0-9 2-2 2, Davidfields 2-9 0-3 4, Spiering 2-4 2-3 6, Totals 19-62 9-22 52.

### NWAACC Stat Leaders

Scoring -  
#3 Rylee Peterson  
Rebounds -  
#10 Rylee Peterson  
Steals -  
#2 SHayla Fetters  
#7 Bryanna St. Paul  
#10 Rylee Peterson  
Assist -  
#4 SHayla Fetters

Score Key: Basketball

Leading team is listed first, followed by their final score, their league record and then conference records.

Following a player's name are field goals made and attempted, free throws made and attempted, and ends with the player's total points.

## Men maintain top spot in NWAACC

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After a week's rest, the Clackamas Cougars were able to mount a steady and unrelenting force to the Linn-Benton Roadrunners, gaining another win with a score of 94-83. Now, the Cougars are guaranteed a spot at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College Championships in Kennewick, WA, March 5-8.

The first half ended with a score of 39-28 in the Cougar's favor. From a 20 point lead during the second, the Cougars closed the game with an even second half play of 55 points for each team.

Scoring was high for four Clackamas players who shot in the double-digits.

JC Cook kept up the pace with four 3-pointers and totaling 25 points for the game. Cook also added another four steals to his third place NWAACC ranking.

Also from the starting team, freshman Jeff Dorman threw 21 points by sinking four 3-pointers, and eight of 13 shots.

Filling the NWAACC Scoring and Assist Second Place Ranking, forward Chehales Tapscott had another impressive game shooting 18 points, three assists, and eight rebounds.

"This is what I do. I came here to play," said Tapscott, who only started playing bas-

ketball his junior year of high school.

In force more than ever, was 7-1 Brad King who put in a personal best of 14 points made up of tip-ins, post moves and hook shots, with five offensive rebounds to boot.

The Cougars are still the number one team boasting a record of 9-0 for play in the Southern Division and 21-2 for the entire NWAACC. Tacoma CC and Olympic CC trail the team in second and third place.

Tacoma matches the Cougs in free throw percentage and beats them in offensive rebounds.

Olympic is number two in the Northern Division, but they've played more league games than Clackamas and also have nine wins - but it's hard to discount Olly's four losses in and out of league.

Nonetheless, both teams from Washington will be on the minds of the Cougs as the NWAACC Championships get ever closer.

The Cougars meet the number three ranked Chemeketa Storm at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the Randall Gym. At their last game, Clackamas beat Chemeketa 83-63.

Head Coach Clif Wegner still keeps his "Next Game" mentality and notes their confidence, but plays down the Cougars record.

"We're pretty comfortable and don't feel threatened," Wegner said. However, Wegner adds that the game against Chemeketa CC this Wednesday will be a tough game.

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