

# Woods gets 700 wins

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For most collegiate coaches, 700 wins is a big accomplishment. For Cougars Volleyball coach Kathie Woods, it's just another game.

"I'm not saying it's not nice, but more important to me is how we do year to year," said Woods. Woods has been coaching volleyball since 1980 — two years spent at Linn-Benton Community College and 28 years at Clackamas Community College. On Sept. 17 she reached her 700th win in the game against Edmonds Community College.

Woods' feelings are mirrored by her assistant coaches and players. "We go into every competition the same, whoever we're playing, or whatever game it is. The beginning of the season, the end of the season, it's all the same. So 700 was just another number," said Kristen Sundquist, head assistant coach for Cougars volleyball.

But would they all think this way if they realized that Woods could have upwards to 800 wins on her record? An entire year of data is missing from the records

and, when coupled with the fact that not all games were counted in the '80s and '90s, Woods winning record is impossible to really know.

That is not something that Woods really seems to care about though.

"I didn't even know that I was near that (700 wins) until our SID (Sports Information Director) started looking up the numbers," said Woods. "But when I do look at that number 700, I think of every team we've ever had and every girl I've ever coached that has been a part of that 700."

Throughout her 28 years of coaching at Clackamas, Woods has touched the lives of hundreds of players and students.

"She has built this Cougar program, and what I've been able to do is because of what I've learned in this program," said Casie Hulden, volunteer assistant coach and Woods' self-described adopted daughter.

"She is a great person. She loves each one of us; she loves pretty much everybody she comes into contact with. She will help anybody with anything, whether it's on the court or off the court, in school or just general in life," said Ali

King, second year student at CCC and middle blocker on the Cougars volleyball team.

"She's really striving to get one hundred percent out of everybody because she gives one hundred percent of herself in everything she does," said Sundquist.

"I really consider it an honor to coach. And I really want my athletes to consider it an honor to be able to play. And that's why we give it one hundred percent," said Woods. "I guess what I want to be known for is being a Christian coach."

Even if Woods does not see her winning record as a major accomplishment, others certainly do.

"Seven hundred wins is amazing. There's not many coaches that are able to stay in their sport long enough to accomplish something like that. To me it shows how dedicated she is," said Hulden.

One thing is for sure, you will see her winning record growing. Woods plans on staying on at CCC; she is not interested in moving up in collegiate coaching.

If you would like to contact Woods, she can be reached at woodsk@clackamas.edu.



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The Cougar volleyball team practices last Thursday, getting ready for their next game and hoping to gain another win.

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## Outrageous refs should be reffed



By Robert Morrison  
Sports Editor

Sports referee: A person who watches over a sporting event and dictates the playing rules. A referee must get their calls correct or a team could lose a game. The games are in their hands in the long run. Referees have had a questionable year of calls though.

Sporting referees are meant to be there so that rules are enforced, so games don't get violent and to prevent cheating. Every sport to my knowledge has an official, whether called a referee or not, on the court, field or course. Some sports may have more than one so that they can cover twice as much ground and see so much more than a lone referee.

As a youth referee, I have had both games with other officials and games alone. Being a referee is difficult on either end of the spectrum, but when do obscured rules and judgment come into play when you're a referee? Should a referee call the obvious play correctly or do they need to be obligated to the specifics of each rule? Should what looks like a touchdown be called a touchdown or what looks like a foul be called a foul?

One of my basketball games last year had a few

questionable calls. As referees we are taught that "a late call is better than no call." In this specific game though, not only was a foul called late, but it wasn't a foul. The referee I was working with called a foul on one of the boys playing when he went for a block but it was clearly all ball. I went with the call because the other referee was new. The team that got the call against them ended up losing a two-point game. Those free throws were enough to change the game. I talked to the referee at half-time to make sure he got the call right next time but not all referees call it like it is.

This year every level of sports from small ball up to the professionals has had their issues with calls. Not only are the calls from new referees questionable but even the calls from referees that have been doing their job for a decade.

I know this year as a youth basketball referee, I saw some questionable calls that changed games. Youth sports are all about the kids and having fun but teams do want to win. A referee's call should always be as correct as possible but when a game is in the playoffs things need to be correct. Blown calls can end even a youth basketball season.

Referees in pro games are no different than the youth refs this year. Calls based on judgment and obscured rules have been made all year long.

The one that comes to mind this year is the Detroit Lions' Calvin Johnson. Johnson is a wide receiver for the team. In a game against the Chicago Bears this year, he made a late-game touchdown catch. The catch would be reviewed a few minutes after and would be determined to be not a touchdown.

The review went through sport headlines all over the U.S. and as plastered all over ESPN. On the replay you can

clearly see possession of ball and that both feet were in-bounds, both NFL requirements for a touchdown. The rule in the book though, that a player must control the ball all the way to the ground. Johnson caught the ball with one hand and propped himself up with the ball. The ball hit the ground and he let it go. I was thinking it was a touchdown. This call was a pure judgment call and an obscured rule.

Basketball games are as bad. Clackamas Community College games get some calls from referees as well. Some fouls are getting called that you wouldn't think would be a foul. In a game last year, the shooter was going for a shot and the defender had his feet set. The shooter hit the defender in the chest, knocked him down, and the referee should have been called for offensive foul was called defensive foul. It didn't matter in the end seeing as it was a big win for CCC, but the referee's job to get the call correct. We don't have a basketball team to get the worst but we do still get some calls in sports.

Good teams are the ones that can always come out from bad calls, but sometimes referees make bad calls and end up changing who wins the game. Rules need to be more clear and referees need to universally know the rules. Don't have referees making calls that some referees disagree on in another game. It puts some teams at an unfair advantage.

A referee's job is to keep the game orderly and make sure good calls are made, but sometimes calls are blown in youth, college, and professional games. How can a sports fan want a game? We, as sports fans, want good calls to be made to see close games and to see game-winning plays; bad calls prevent that.

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