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Cougar midfielder Gabby Nevell (3) receives a pass from midfielder Yasmina Coto (11) in the at-home game against Lane Community College last Friday. Nevell scored one goal in the game, increasing her goals this season to four. The Cougars won the game 3-0, increasing goalie Melissa Ferguson's shutout record to 11.

# Soccer team prepares for playoffs

By Harley Jackson  
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Every sports team has one common goal, and that's to make it to the top and win the championship. The Clackamas Community College Cougars have clinched the Region Championship. The playoffs consist of two weeks of the most extreme soccer matches of the year. The top three teams in the region of the Northwest

Athletic Association of Community Colleges advance to the playoffs. The NWAACC consists of 22 soccer teams, and Clackamas is proud to be ranked in the top 12. This relentless team has had a dynamite season with a sensational region record of 14-0. The Cougars overall season record was 15-2. Their victory over one of the team's biggest rivals, the brawny Bellevue Bulldogs (3-1), gave them the huge morale boost and inspiration they needed to finish the season strongly. The women on this team are very

excited about their entrance into the playoffs, but are trying not to think about it until their first official game. "We haven't talked about the playoffs. I don't want it to get in their heads," said Head Coach Tracy Nelson. These sisters of the soccer field are very humble and are taking it one game at a time. They all have great chemistry and put their team first above all. This great connection has given them terrific communication on the field and a relentless desire to win.

The playoffs aren't just going to be a walk in the park though. They might have to face off against one of their most determined opponents: the Walla Walla Warriors. "Walla Walla could be our toughest match," said Lindsay Bauman, sophomore and team captain. Some teams select a most inspirational player, but not this lineup, as every player has earned this award. "We are all equal and leaders in our own way," said Bauman. Thanks to this team's tenacious attitude and excellent playing skills,

they have made it very far. The defense this season has been mind-blowing and a huge factor in the team's success. "The defense has been doing a great job stopping the ball. I've only had a few touches this year," said Melissa Ferguson, the team's goalie. "If they play like they know how to play and stay focused, they can do anything," said Nelson. The Cougars play their first playoff game at home Nov. 13, and both players and coaches encourage fans to attend.

## Cougar captain chooses Clackamas



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Cougar volleyball co-captain Kylee Bellamy gets ready to pass the ball to her teammates in practice last week. Bellamy is ranked second in the team for setting and passing.

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Kylee Bellamy is an attractive 20-year-old brunette from Goldendale, Wash. She is the daughter of Larry and Jodi Bellamy and has one older brother, who she says she "gets along with" really well.

Kylee has played volleyball since the fifth grade. She was coached all four years at Goldendale High School by her mother, Jodi. The team went to state playoffs three out of her four seasons. Kylee's mother played sports in high school and college and has coached volleyball and basketball since 1987. She has laid the foundation of athletics for Kylee, teaching skill, hard work and leadership. Kylee also played basketball and tennis in high school, although she believes volleyball is the sport she's the best at. Although she's played three different sports, Kylee is not all sports by any means. At her high school she was on the yearbook staff and was a newspaper editor of the monthly *Timberwolf Times* for three years. "I loved it. I did a lot of editing, layout and some photography," said Kylee. After graduation, Kylee was drafted to play volleyball by Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, and attended there for the 2009-2010 school year. While there, she earned a place on the Dean's List and enjoyed the personal attention of the professors. Although she was doing well, Kylee found the long trip to visit home difficult to manage along with the high cost of school. It was around this time that her mother attended a workshop given by Kathie Woods, Clackamas Community College's head volleyball coach, and suggested to Kylee that she transfer. "My mom suggested CCC would be a good place to go because the coach teaches us to be

good people and good volleyball players," Kylee said. Kylee tried out for the team, was accepted and moved to Oregon to join the Clackamas volleyball team in July of 2010. In summing up her decision to transfer, Kylee said, "It was definitely a great move." "As an athlete, Kylee is one of our most athletic girls," said Woods. "She passes, sets and plays defense well. She can hit the ball very intelligently and always works hard." Woods reports that Bellamy supports the philosophy of Cougar volleyball in giving 100 percent to school, volleyball and life. "Kylee Bellamy has an up attitude and sees the good in everything," said Woods. Kylee was chosen as co-captain because of her dedication and work ethic. "She does not give into peer pressure and will uphold the rules of the team," Woods said. "Her leadership is in her work ethic." "Kylee is a great girl who always gives 100 percent," said Bethany Nyls, 18, one of Kylee's teammates. "She's a great teammate and she's always really encouraging." "She is a great leader. Everyone listens to her," said Courtney Pattock, 18, another of Kylee's teammates. "We all respect her; she helps us stay on task." Kylee wants to be a teacher and a coach, as she views patience as a trait both professions must have. "Having patience (with others) is easy," she said. Kylee is an example to all around her, and her advice to others is, "Remember, be a blessing."

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