

PINK: Cougars split weekend series

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The Cougars came back and had two game points in the third game, but couldn't pull it out.

"We weren't timid at all," said sophomore Karlee Markham of the late game pressure. "Kathie told us to swing away and I'm not disappointed at all in us because of that."

The Riverhawks 6-foot 2-inch sophomore Kendahl Weiland was a major menace to the Cougars with her long frame and thunderous left-handed kills.

"She caused a lot of damage, didn't she," said Woods. "We don't have any lefties on our team or staff, so it is really hard for us to practice against lefties." Some of the players agreed that facing

lefties can be tough.

"Lefties are hard to read," said Taylor Copeland. "They have a really weird arm swing."

Even though the Cougars were swept, they took some good things from the match and are always looking forward.

"We gave them a run for their money," continues Markham. "It was a solid match. It came down to the little things."

"It's all about the next point," continues Markham. "If we get that next point, we get the momentum."

Woods knows they are improving and is confident that they can pull out the needed victories to qualify for the NWAACC Championships.

"Wednesday's game against

Chemeketa is crucial for us and we know it," said Woods. "We will be ready."

Sponsor Night - Clackamas sweeps SW Oregon, 3-0

Clackamas jumped on Southwestern Oregon early in the first game and never let up in sweeping the Lakers three games to none in Friday's match on Sponsor Night. The Cougars got hot when sophomore Taylor Copeland started serving during a 4-4 tie.

Clackamas reeled off nine straight points to take a commanding 13-4 lead. Two long rallies both went the Cougars way, the second giving them a 21-13 lead that took the steam out of the Lakers attack. The Cougars went on to win game one 25 to 16.

"We served 100 percent as a team and that doesn't happen very often so I am happy with the focus there," said Woods.

The Cougars kept the pressure on, jumping out to an 8-2 lead in the second game, forcing a Laker timeout. Clackamas built on its lead by rotating fresh bodies and getting solidly consistent play.

The Cougars showed great court awareness by letting some balls go out that were very close to the line. Clackamas closed out the second set with a convincing 25 to 11 win.

Southwestern Oregon CC put forth its best effort in the final game of the match, but the Cougars prevailed 25-22 to sweep the match.

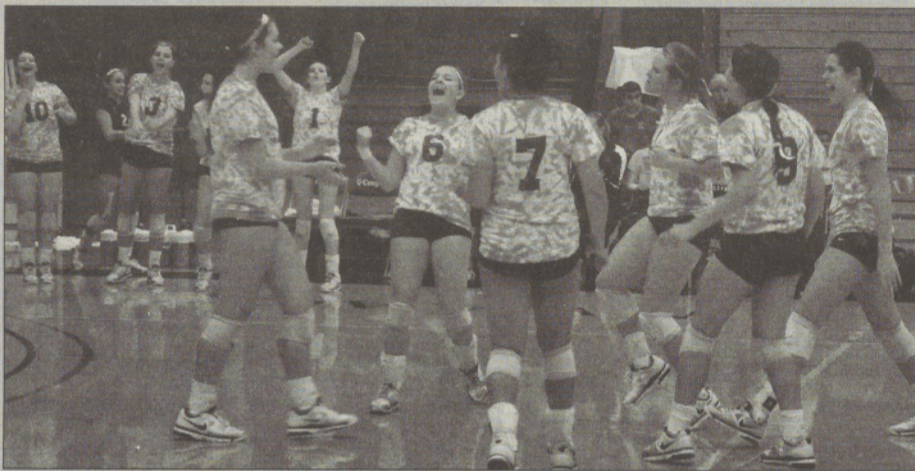
"We played well tonight," said head coach Kathie Woods. "I felt

Cope had a great game and was really wise in her set selection and plays. I was proud of her."

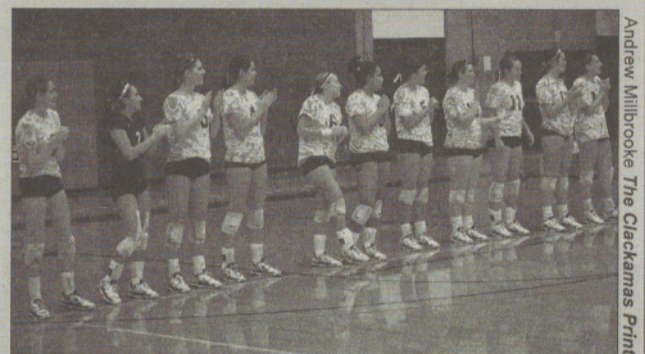
Kiki Stonebraker led the Cougars with 20 kills in the two matches, while Julia Toscano added 18. Kaitlyn Douglass led the Cougars with 37 assists and Copeland added 31. Stonebraker also led Clackamas with 29 digs and Maeghan Angel had 27.

Stonebraker, only a freshman, has been a great all-around addition to the Cougars this season, as it is very uncommon to have the same player lead the team in kills and digs.

"I've always loved playing defense," said Stonebraker. "I'm just trying to step up my offensive game."



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Above: The volleyball players are sporting pink tie-dyes for 'Diggin Pink' as they cheer each other on during pre-game announcements. Left: The Cougars celebrate after winning a point in the match against Umpqua on Saturday. You can see the emotion as the players on the bench applaud their teammates.

Cougars' libero frees up teammates for success

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If you have attended a Clackamas Community College volleyball match this season it is impossible not to notice how loud the volleyball players are on the court. It's constant chatter throughout the match on both sides of the court and celebrations after winning points are commonplace.

It's also hard not to notice the athletic woman playing for the Cougars with the brown ponytail that is wearing the odd colored uniform and constantly talking to her teammates. That woman is Maeghan Angel and she plays libero for the CCC Cougars.

The libero position was added to the game in 1999 to increase rally opportunities, as they can replace any player in the back row and not count against substitutions. The libero, an Italian word meaning 'free', is usually the best defensive player on the team and a superior passer.

Angel is perfectly suited to play libero, where she is counted on to always be on the move and talking, telling her teammates where to set up.

"I'm the kind of person that wants to eat, breathe, and sleep volleyball," said Angel through her

raspy, hoarse voice. Angel stated it was common for her to have no voice or lose her voice because she is so vocal during games.

"She is always on us for not talking," said sophomore teammate Julia Toscano.

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Maeghan Angel
CCC's libero

"She's the go-getter on our team," added freshman Kiki Stonebraker. "She's the one to pump you up."

"She is a standout libero," said head coach Kathie Woods. "I am very proud of what she does on the court." Angel's constant talk on the court, shouting instructions and positioning her players, makes her more like a quarterback or point guard. She even sounds like a quar-

terback when talking about playing the game.

"I primarily practice and specialize in the middle back," said Angel, a sophomore from McMinnville. "I have full view of the court and can see everything back there."

Angel is always diving on the court and gets to balls that look impossible to retrieve. She is usually back up on her feet in the ready position in the blink of an eye, ready to do it again. Angel leads the Cougars with 686 digs on the season.

The libero is in the game most of the time, so Angel's track and field background from high school certainly helps with her conditioning.

"I ran both relays and did the long and triple jumps," said Angel of her four-event high school schedule. Angel also competed in the open 400-meters when she would sit out one of the other events.

"She's always pushing us, even in conditioning class," said Stonebraker. "She is my workout partner and she does not let you give up. It's a good quality."

Angel plans on attending a four-year university and continuing her volleyball career no matter where it takes her.

"It's going to definitely depend on volleyball," said Angel. "I'm willing to go anywhere to play, even if it means going across the country."

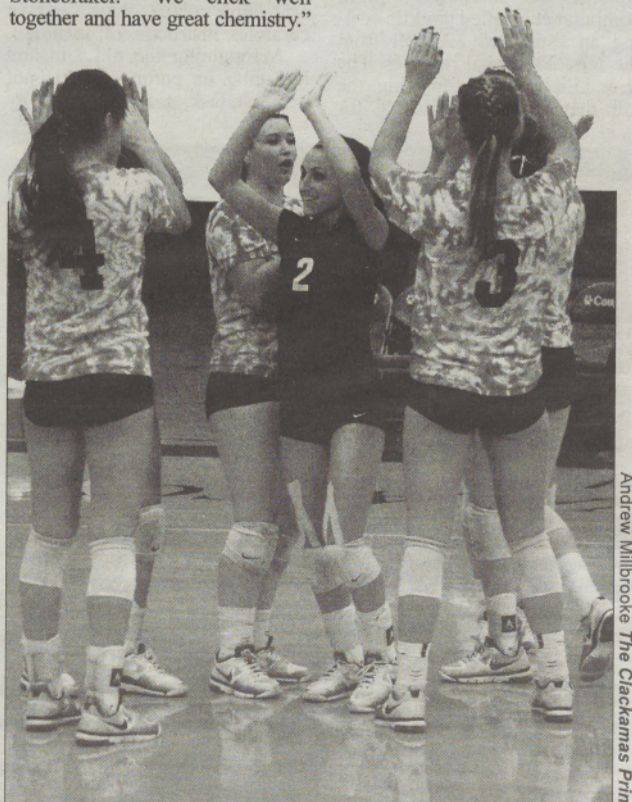
Angel feels that with her connections and the improvements she's made that she will find a place to continue her career. Woods is very impressed with Angel's character.

"I'm very proud of what she does in the classroom and also the type of person she is," said Woods. "She is a quality leader and helps this team grow."

Her teammates also had nothing but praise for her character.

"Maeghan is such a great leader," said Toscano. "She's always bringing us together."

"She is so much fun," added Stonebraker. "We click well together and have great chemistry."



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Maeghan Angel (No. 2) celebrates with her teammates after the Cougars win a point against Umpqua CC on Saturday.

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