

Men's basketball rebounds to defeat Umpqua CC

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After a tough loss to Portland Community College earlier in the week, Saturday was a happy day for the Clackamas men's basketball team as they claimed a 76-61 victory at home against Umpqua CC. Barely ten minutes into the first half, the Cougars (10-11, 2-5) had jumped out to a 21-6 lead.

Clackamas head coach Cliff Wegner was happy to get the early lead. "I think it always helps to have the lead," said Wegner. "I'd always rather have a lead. It's important to get off to a good start."

Wegner was also happy to get the victory over a division rival, after losing five of six games to start league play.

"We've been on a tough streak here," said Wegner. "You know when you get behind; sometimes it can be hard to get the confidence to pull back."

Starting guard Jake Dewitt also felt it was good to get an

early lead after starting slow the past few contests.

"We started out well, because the past couple games we've gotten down by twenty before we even really started to like, click and play well," said Dewitt. "It was like it set a fire under us, so I feel like it was important to get a lead because we haven't done that in a long time."

Four Cougars scored in double figures, led by Michone Hopkins who had 13 points and 11 rebounds. Brock Lutes added 12 points and team-highs of 13 rebounds and four assists. Jordan Mosby-Barber added 12 points and five rebounds, while Grant Sitton had 10 points and four rebounds. Hopkins and Lutes were each on the court for a little over twenty eight minutes in the game.

Wegner was very impressed with his team rebounding effort, as the Cougars held a 58-27 advantage for the game.

"As a team we really rebounded well," said Wegner. "That's a pretty phenomenal effort on the boards which is really good because we've been telling

the kids for three days this is going to be about rebounding and defense. So we did those two things well. We didn't do great offensively, but we made enough shots to get through."

Wegner did single out one individual who stood out for his play on the night. "I thought Brock Lutes really had a great effort for us particularly on the boards," said Wegner. "He really did a good job. I thought he played very hard. That's probably the best ball game he's played in a while."

Wegner then went on to say that he thought it was a total team effort on the defensive end. "I thought that it wasn't so much individuals, but I thought our team defense was a lot better than it has been," said Wegner.

Wegner wasn't alone in believing this game's win was a product of team effort. "It was good to get a win and play together as a team," said freshman point guard Anthony Lianzo.

Eric Syphard, a fan who was rooting for Clackamas, was impressed with the way the team played. "I thought they



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Sophomore Matt Bryant (No. 25) provides a defensive presence for Clackamas in the 76-61 win over Umpqua on Saturday. The Cougars dominated the Riverhawks on the glass with a 58-27 rebounding edge.

had a solid game," said Syphard. "Everyone contributed and did what they needed to do and they got it done."

Ingrid Bergmann, another

Cougar fan whose boyfriend plays for the team, also felt they played well. "They played as a team and they were loud," said Bergmann.

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WEDNESDAY-1/30

- **Hockey:** Kamloops at Portland, 7 p.m.
- **CBB:** Oregon at Stanford, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY-1/31

- **CCC Wrestling:** at Pacific University, Forest Grove, 7 p.m.
- **Intramural Volleyball:** Noon-1 p.m. in Randall

FRIDAY-2/1

- **NBA:** Portland at Utah, 6 p.m., CSN, KEX
- **Hockey:** Portland at Seattle, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY-2/2

- **CCC Men's Basketball:** at SWOCC, Coos Bay at 4 p.m.
- **CCC Women's Basketball:** at SWOCC Coos Bay at 4 p.m.

SUNDAY-2/3

- **CBB:** Oregon State at Stanford, Noon, Pac-12

MONDAY-2/4

- **Randall Fitness Center:** 8:30-10 a.m. and 1-6 p.m.

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- **Intramural Basketball:** Noon-1 p.m. in Randall
- **Randall Fitness Center:** Noon-8 p.m.

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