

# Cougars and Penguins balance on thin ice

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The Clark Penguins kept the Clackamas Cougars on ice for 86 minutes before finally allowing a tying goal. Neither team was ahead at the end of the match with a final score of 1-1. The Cougars retained their undefeated at home turf status. It was the final home game of what has been a great season for Clackamas.

A cold afternoon with light rain set the stage for a long grinding game between two of the NWAAC's top teams Saturday at Oregon City High School's Pioneer Stadium. Both of the playoff bound teams resorted to physical play and presented fans with an exciting game despite the lack of scoring.

The Penguins were first to strike 12 minutes into the match as an assist from LeeAnn Lauritzen gave Alexandra White a clear look at the Cougars' goal. This, however, was the only score the Penguins could muster as Clackamas goalkeeper Melanie Trumbull was on top of her game for the rest of the match. She collected four saves including two spectacular dives to deny any more Penguin shots to find the net.

The Penguins learned from their 2-1 loss to the Cougars earlier in the season. They emphasized a tough defense that kept the Cougar offense frustrated by denying them many scoring chances. The Penguins posi-

tioned four players far back. Through most of the match the Penguins were able to keep the ball out of their box and quickly clear any penetration back out to mid field.

Coach Janine Szpara substituted in midfielder Hope Butler in the 33rd minute, a move that received a loud cheer from the fans. The adjustment energized the Cougars' offense as they developed two promising scoring chances. Unfortunately those opportunities were revealed to be teases. The first shot rebounded off the crossbar and the second was scooped up but the Penguins goalkeeper Victoria Fulton. The Penguins excellent play in goal was a thorn in the side of the Cougars as Fulton picked up seven saves through 90 minutes of play.

The second half of the match upped the intensity of both sides, the wet grass proved to be a challenging surface to tread on. Heavy contact throughout the game made for several injury scares from both sides. The official awarded yellow cards to Clackamas players Tori Roberts and Butler, also to the Penguins' Cristal Ruvalcaba.

The Cougar offense pressed harder as the minutes ticked by in the second half. As usual, the Cougars played possession soccer, keeping the ball off of the Penguins' shoes for most of the match. Fast-paced and accurate passing kept the Cougars competitive while trailing late in the second half. Roberts showed excellent dribbling skill as her fancy footwork was able to beat defenders and draw appreciation from the crowd.

Pressing hard, the Cougars eventually broke through the Penguins' defensive wall and Claudia Flores powered a shot into the net after 87 minutes to tie the game. After the game Flores was proud of her team.

"They played all the way to the end and didn't stop," said Flores. Trumbull was also proud of her teammates, calling them hard workers at the end of the match.

"I'm glad my team stepped up," said Trumbull.

Trumbull is hungry for retribution after last year's disappointing loss in the NWAAC championship. This being her last year playing for Clackamas she only has one goal.

"I want to come out and win the NWAAC," said Trumbull.

The 1-1 tie clinched the NWAAC South region championship for the Cougars, giving them a first round bye in the 2013 Women's Soccer playoffs. The Clackamas team has the potential to come out as the champions this year but will need to play hard to beat the best teams in the league.

"We have to work on our play in the first half," said assistant coach Miriam Coto.

Coto noted that the team played better in the second half.

"We have to play hard from the beginning," said Coto.

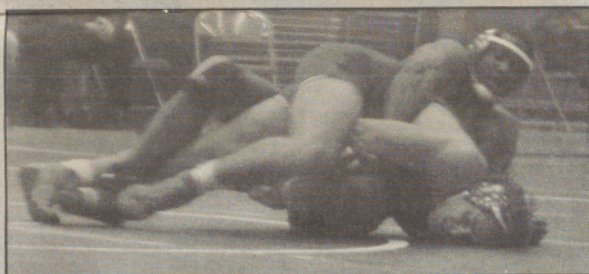
This week wraps up the regular season as the Cougars play on Wed and Sat, traveling to Lane and SW Oregon community colleges respectively. The NWAAC Championship tournament will be held on Nov. 16-17 in Tukwila, Wash.



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Olivia Thoroughman gets a head on the ball. The Cougars remain undefeated at home for the season.

## The red filters through



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Kenny Martin controls Dylan Holcomb at Thursday night's Navy vs. Scarlet intersquad event. Martin won the match by 10-4 decision.

Thursday night was an intersquad exhibition. Each team was coached by an assistant coach. Navy Coach Bret Born vs. Scarlet Coach Rich Vigorito.

The Scarlet team won 22-21. At 125 Josh Johnson defeated Jared Cash (Dec.)

125 Stevan Knoblauch defeated Kamron Day (Dec.)

133 CJ Palmer pinned Urmas Yanis.

"I pinned him," said Palmer. "I like Urmas. It's gonna be a rough season wrestling allot of D1 guys, they do this for four years, they got allot more time."

141 Peter Shea defeated Jordan Brewer (Dec.)

141 Lawrence Otero defeated Robbie Rizzolino (Dec.)

141 Daniel Leonard defeated Jared Sublet (Dec.)

149 Kenny Martin defeated Dylan Holcomb (Dec.) 10-4.

"It feels good to wrestle this first match, it's been a while, I felt like I was able to maintain a good pace," said Martin. "It's a new experience, I was kinda nervous, I heard this was a good school to go to, I feel like it's done me justice so far, I feel like I'm in the best shape of my life right now."

157 Eleazar DeLuca defeated Elijah Taylor (Dec.) 6-3.

"I have allot of things I need to work on, so it was a good

match to open-up what I need to work on," said DeLuca. "Coach Rhoden's a really good guy, all the coaches have a killer mentality, they want to win and I really like that."

157 Nikko Veltri defeated Brandon Davidson (Major Dec.) 13-4.

165 Kyle Bateman defeated Tyler White (Dec.) 8-2.

174 Dustin Harris defeated Kolby Mays (Dec.) 6-1.

184 Adrian Salas defeated John Morin (Dec.) 5-1.

197 Dustin Johnson defeated Ithoughwama Odigizuwa (Dec.) 8-7.

The Cougars head wrestling coach Josh Rhoden commented on the evening.

"I thought it was pretty good, we got areas we can improve in, most of them it's gonna be a little shock to the system so we got some adjustments to make, but overall it was pretty good," said Rhoden.

The Cougars will compete against NAIA Simpson University in Redding, Calif. next Saturday.

The first home competition will be on Nov. 9 against Division 2 Simon Fraser University in Randall Hall at 5 p.m.

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## Clackamas volleyball beats the Storm

Last Wednesday the Cougars volleyball squad brought down their opponent the Chemeketa Storm.

The match was a competitive fray of defense and offense with a few long-winded volleys.

Bre Gibbons played a very active game with some solid blocks, well placed tips over the net, 12 kills and 17 digs.

Taylor Balkan served an excellent scoring ball in the second set, she had 20 assists throughout the game.

Megan Minke got her hands on a few really nice plays in the third set.

"It feels good to be playing in the middle again. Getting a kill in the middle is more intense and fast paced than the outside," said Minke. "I think that were starting to get

back in the groove, were on the uphill. Hopefully the goal is to win NWAACs and to come out on top in league."

Hannah Olson set up some good plays from a couple nice serves, she had 10 kills and some good tips over the net. Chemeketa attempted to return one of her serves in set three, but it was blocked by the double wall of Gibbons and Minke.

"I have a hurt shoulder right now, so it was pretty good, it was one of my better games," said Olson. "We are working really well together, it's nice to have a team that gets along."

Chemeketa tried to come back in the third, bringing the score dangerously close at 24-21, but the Cougars won the third set and the game was theirs at 25-20, 25-15, 25-21.

The Cougars head coach Kathie Woods was impressed by her squad's hard work so far this season.

"Were ranked seventh right now, were 24-10," said Woods.

Dressed as the Harlem Globetrotters, the Cougars competed over the weekend at the Mt. Hood Dorian Harris Halloween Classic.

The Cougars won on Friday against Edmonds and Tacoma. They won again against Columbia Basin.

In the semi-finals the Cougars lost to Olympic College and placed third in the Halloween Classic.

The Cougars play SWOCC Friday in Coos Bay at 6 p.m.

Wed Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. will be the last home game.

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Cougars rally between sets. The Clackamas volleyball team wins on Wednesday against the Chemeketa Storm. They also earned three wins in the Halloween Classic over the weekend.