

Jonesing for Basketball

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The short-handed Clackamas Cougars basketball team defeated the Concordia JV Cavaliers 86-78 on Friday, Nov. 15.

The Cougars were led with strong offensive performances by sophomore duo Tim Lott and Spencer Bankofier. Lott led all scorers with 26 points and eight rebounds, and Bankofier was lighting it up from outside with 15 points by way of five successful three-point shots.

Despite his solid performance, Lott believes there is still much to improve on.

"I feel like we did alright," Lott said. "I feel like together we can do better as a rebounding unit. I need to be more aggressive. We're a young team. Every game we're learning something."

One thing both players agreed upon was that as a team they have much to improve on, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"We need to work on our defense, definitely," said Bankofier. "The run [15-2 by Concordia] wasn't good."

The Cavaliers' youth and inexperience that Lott spoke of could be felt in the second half, when the Cougars took their biggest lead of the night — 16 points. Concordia then began to utilize the inside game, going on a 13-2 run that trimmed the lead to five points.

Concordia drew fouls and converted free throw attempts, which brought a hush over the crowd that was rocking for most of the game, much to the dismay of Clackamas Coach Clif Wegner who was visibly upset with some of the fouls called during the game.

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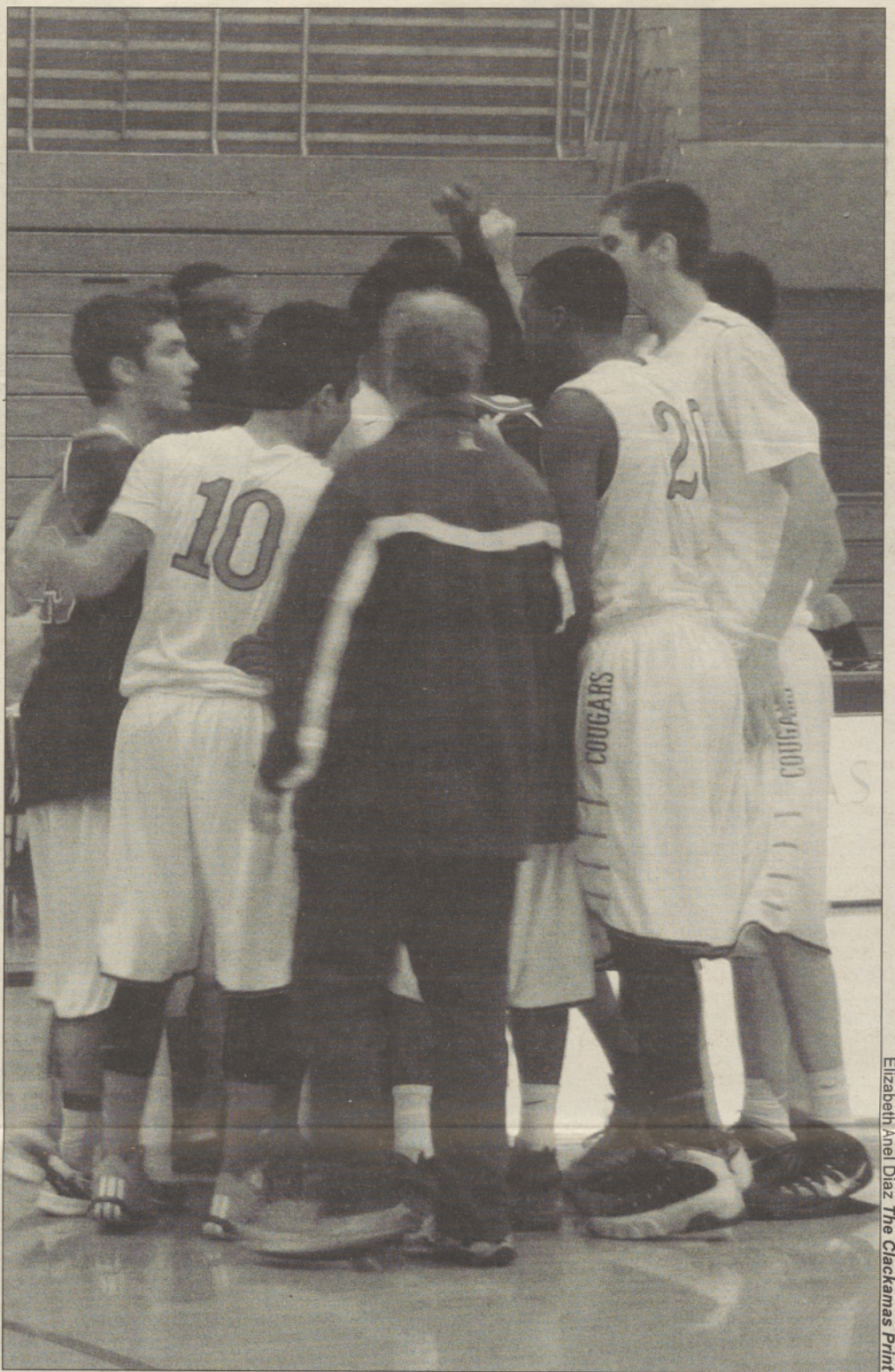
However, the Cougars were able to weather the storm late in the game with two big steals and scores by Lott. Overall, Wegner thought it was a good first game for his young team.

"We're very young," Wegner said. We're going to grow up, we're going to get better. This was a good first game for us to get through."

The Cougars are off on the right foot with a 1-0 record on the year. The Cougars next play Highline at Rook Hall on Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.



Right: The men of the Cougars Basketball team rally between halves. Continuing the night with dominating performance, the Cougars hit a 13-2 run on the way to their 86-78 victory over Concordia JV.



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What's Up With... No men's soccer team?

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Over 4.5 million tickets have been requested for the 64 matches to be played during the FIFA World Cup in 2014. Soccer has long been known as the world's most popular sport, and its presence has grown immensely in the Portland area since the Timbers joined Major League Soccer.

Clackamas has seen its fair share of success since the women's team's inception 12 years ago. The Lady Cougars are three-time NWAACC champions and have been South Region champions four years running from 2010 to 2013. This season

CCC went to the NWAACC final four and midfielder Tori Roberts was named South Region MVP. The women's soccer program has simply been great.

So what's up with there being no men's soccer team at Clackamas?

Part of the issue stems from a limited budget. A small community college is not able to afford as many large athletic programs as larger colleges or universities. The bigger problem to get around is an issue of legality. Clackamas Community College cannot add a men's soccer team because of Title IX restrictions.

So what exactly is Title IX?

In 1972 the U.S. Senate amended educational law to require all government funded educational facilities to provide

equal athletic availability to both males and females. Schools now needed to provide the same number of positions to females as they did to males. The act was a triumph for gender equality and provided opportunities for millions of athletes to compete at scholastic level.

Because of the law, colleges face new challenges expanding athletic programs while still accommodating equal opportunities for both genders.

"We added women's soccer 10 or 11 years ago to get us back into [Title IX] compliance," said Jim Martineau, CCC Athletic Director. "Currently our split of six female sports and five male sports keeps us at the compliance we need."

Currently the female sports

offered at Clackamas are soccer, volleyball and softball while wrestling and baseball are offered for the men. Basketball, cross country and track and field are offered to both genders. Adding a men's soccer team alone would upset the balance and require CCC athletics to expand female athletics as well to stay in compliance.

The Clackamas women draw healthy crowds for their home soccer games so it is reasonable to expect a crowd to form at O.C.H.S.' Pioneer Stadium for men's games. Students are eager to support a men's team as well. Sophomore Kyle Black said he would be excited for a male team.

"The girls are really good I think," Black said. "We could

probably get a good guys team together too."

Other students are more optimistic for a huge athletic expansion.

"Well, why stop at just soccer?" asks sophomore Seth Harris. "We should get every sport! We could do football, lacrosse and rugby... and stuff like curling, badminton, I think ping-pong is an Olympic sport, too."

As CCC grows over the next several years, there is no telling if the athletic department will expand as well. While ping-pong might not be the next sport added to Clackamas, men's soccer could be a logical addition if the school can legally make it happen.

Sports
CALENDAR
November 20-26

WEDNESDAY - 11/20



THURSDAY - 11/21

• CCC Volleyball NWAACC Championships: vs. Shoreline at Mt. Hood CC 2 p.m.

• Intramurals Soccer: 12:15-1:30 p.m. in field by Hwy. 213

FRIDAY - 11/22

• CCC Men's Basketball: vs. Grays Harbor at CCC Randall Hall 6 p.m.

• CCC Volleyball NWAACC Championships: vs. TBA

SATURDAY - 11/23

• CCC Wrestling: vs. Southwestern at Coos Bay 7 p.m.

• CCC Men's Basketball: vs. Highline at CCC Randall Hall 8 p.m.

• CCC Volleyball NWAACC Champions.:TBA

SUNDAY - 11/24

• CCC Volleyball NWAACC Championships: vs. TBA

• All-Star Volleyball NWAACC Championships: vs. TBA

MONDAY - 11/25

• Intramurals Football: 11:30 a.m. in the soccer field next to Hwy. 213

TUESDAY - 11/26

