



# CCC men fall to the Storm

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Cougars wing, Tim Lott (20), explodes to the rim for a dunk over the top of Chemeketa wing, Bryce White. The Cougars, who were up 10 at halftime, lost the game 87-75. Lott finished with 18 points and six rebounds.

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Facing the highest scoring team in the NWAACC on Jan. 15, the Clackamas Cougars fell to the Chemeketa Storm, 87-75. Grant Sitton and Brandon Halter led the Cougars with 19 points each.

The Cougars plan against the Storm, who averages 99 points per game, was to try to slow the tempo and limit the number of possessions the Cougars have.

"We really didn't want to play in a hundred-point game," said Coach Clif Wegner.

In the first half, the game went according to the coach's plan. The Cougars, shooting 43.9 percent from the field in the first half, were able to take a 10-point lead into halftime.

The Cougars had hit a three pointer at the halftime buzzer that would have put them up 13, but the referee ruled that the shot came after the buzzer.

Coming out of the locker room for the second half, the Storm came out firing with a 14-2 run, led by leading scorer Bryce White with 28 points.

On the defensive end, Chemeketa clamped down and held the Cougars to just 27.8 percent shooting in the second half.

"Our kids took some quick shots and deep three's which really wasn't what we were trying to do," Wegner said. "We just didn't do a good job at sticking to our game plan."

The 10-point lead the Cougars enjoyed at halftime would disappear as they were outscored 53-31 in the second half. Despite the poor shooting in the second half, the Cougars were able to keep the game close because of 32 points off of 17 Chemeketa turnovers. But the closest the game would get would be seven points.

This season, the Clackamas Cougars men's basketball team

is led by playmakers Spencer Bankofier and Tim Lott. Bankofier is known for his three-point shooting ability, while Lott uses an all around game to find success on the court.

Cleaning up the glass down low is Grant Sitton.

The Cougars currently are in fifth place in the NWAACC South standings and have five remaining home games, four of which are against teams that are ranked higher in the standings than the Cougars are. There is an opportunity for the Cougars to make a push to the top in the final month of the season.

The Cougars (7-10, 1-3) next home game is Jan. 25 against Linn-Benton.

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Chemeketa used good offense, bringing the score to 14-5, but Ericka Pengelly scored this time. She hit a nice layup for a 16-5 lead.

The score had reached 18-11 and Chemeketa fouled Jasmine Gibbs-Brown. Clackamas took a 19-11 lead as she made her first free throw and missed the second. Chemeketa was still struggling to keep up, but they were able to hit a nice outside shot which put the score at 21-15.

Towards the end of the first half, Wilkinson drove the ball through the defense, scoring a layup. The Cougars commanded a 23-15 lead. Continuing their momentum, Gibbs-Brown sunk a nice shot from inside. The score was 25-15; Chemeketa fouled Gibbs-Brown. She hit one of two free throws for a score of 26-15. Chemeketa picked up another foul on Emily Pengelly who missed both free throws. The next foul was called on Clackamas and Chemeketa scored one of the following free throws, but the Cougars had the advantage with 26-16 at the half.

Chemeketa started the second half with the ball and hit a shot bringing the score to 26-18. Rebekah Jamerson found a nice shot earning the Cougars their first basket of the half and 28-18 on the scoreboard. Playing more offensively, Chemeketa tossed a three pointer in. The scoreboard read 28-21.

Chemeketa seemed much stronger beginning the second half. They made a shot during a Clackamas foul that put them closer at 28-23, but they missed both free throws. Chemeketa remained patient despite trailing. They kept up good defense and launched strategic offense as they scored another shot for 28-25.

Chemeketa fouled Emily Pengelly who made her first free throw and missed the second. The score was

29-25. Chemeketa kept the game competitive scoring again. Now 29-27, the Cougars fouled Chemeketa. They scored both free throws, tying the game at 29-29 with 12 minutes left on the clock.

Less than two minutes later, Emily Pengelly took back the lead with another well-timed three pointer for 32-29. A Clackamas foul gave Chemeketa two free throws, both scored for 32-31. Chemeketa then fouled Wilkinson who made both free throws putting the lead at 34-31.

After a timeout, Clackamas fouled again, but it was for a single free throw. Chemeketa missed. Another Clackamas foul put Chemeketa back in front of the basket, making both free throws with 34-33.

Chemeketa picked up another foul on Gibbs-Brown who made both free throws commanding a 36-33 lead. Again Chemeketa fouled Wilkinson who made one free throw for 37-33. Clackamas caught another foul, too, and Chemeketa made a free throw to 37-34. Chemeketa found their next foul on Effenberger with 6:19 left on the clock. She made both free throws. Clackamas lead 39-34.

Chemeketa scored at 5:35 on the clock for 39-36. The infractions were piling up as Clackamas fouled Chemeketa. They made one free throw, taking the score to 39-37. Clackamas called a timeout at 4:43.

Emily Pengelly passed-in to Gibbs-Brown, who scored. At 43-37 on the scoreboard Chemeketa fouled Effenberger who made both free throws, 45-37. Clackamas fouled Chemeketa with 1:28 remaining. Chemeketa made both free throws for 45-39. Chemeketa was scrambling to try and catch up. They called a timeout with 57 seconds to go.

Chemeketa was penalized with another foul call at 0:38. Clackamas missed the single free throw. Chemeketa fouled again immediately after and Gibbs-Brown showed consistency making both free throws for a strong 47-39 lead. She lead in scoring with 14 points in the game.

"We've meshed really well as a team," said Gibbs-Brown. "It feels like I've known them for five years but it hasn't even been a year yet. When it comes down to it when we saw them catching up we really pulled together as a team. Once we came together on defense our offense came together when it counted."

Chemeketa fouled Wilkinson who made a free throw for 48-39. Then another Chemeketa foul on Effenberger put the Storm further behind the Cougars as she made both free throws for 50-39. Clackamas won 50-39.

Head coach Jim Martineau was happy with the win, but saw room for improvement.

"We're ranked second in the Northwest," said Martineau. "We haven't scored great this year, but defensively this is the best team I've been with. We're three and one in league."

Effenberger played hard and put some great plays together with her teammates.

"That's a good win for us," said Effenberger. "We're so used to hitting shots, when we're not hitting them it's nice to come away with a win, making defensive stops."

On Friday the Cougars travelled to Roseburg where they lost a close 72-76 game against Umpqua, but they will have a chance for revenge on Feb. 15 when they play Umpqua on home court. The Cougars next home game and chance to avenge their first loss of the official season will be Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. against Portland.



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