

Sports

Ladies fall short in final games

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The Lady Cougars wrapped up their basketball season Wednesday, Feb. 11, hosting their last game at home against Cascade Christian. Even though The Lady Cougars fought with a valiant effort they lost with a close score of 32-35.

Wednesday was also Senior Night. Seniors Alex LaFlamme and Alicia Warner were honored with flowers and many thanks for the numerous seasons of playing sports throughout their high school career. CJ Manning, Nick Worley, Tyus Tree and Conrad Davis were also honored from the boys' basketball team.

Friday, Feb. 13, the girls' squad wrapped up their season against St. Mary's while on the road. The Cougars started out forceful but allowed too many turnovers during the game with St. Mary's winning, 41-58.

"Our goal was to finish our last game strong and I think we did that," said head coach Serena Barry.

The Lady Cougars had a formidable second half, dominating in the third quarter with Barry making a few adjustments to the game strategy and the girls working harder as a team. But in the end, the Cougars were not able to come out on top. Barry is still proud of the girls

and their efforts throughout this whole season.

"We have a young team that still has some maturing to do," Barry said. "I think we are moving in the right direction."

In the beginning of the season Barry introduced the team motto, "We, not me." With that motto in place, the hard work began to become a team, and know what each player was doing on the court. By the last game, Barry feels that the girls embraced that motto and improved greatly. She also knows that there is much more room for improvement in the coming seasons.

Although the girls did not finish with a record they were capable of reaching, Barry knows the girls have potential to do so next season. With each game, Barry saw great improvement and knew the girls learned a lot from the close games as a team and individually. Barry's goals for next year's season are for the girls to learn to play "mentally tough" and to finish games on top with intensity.

Barry is hopeful that the summer will prove to be beneficial for the girl's squad with a few practices and games against other local high school teams, plus she would like to take the girls to a couple of basketball camps.

The Lady Cougars finished their season with a 1-7 league record and a 9-15 overall record.



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No. 14 senior Alex LaFlamme (left) watches No. 23, sophomore Aundrea Miller shoot during the home loss to Cascade.

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