

Bruins seek win this week

By Jacob Bertram
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With two losses to start out the season for Columbia High's boys varsity basketball program, Bruins head coach Ryan Webb said turnovers and offensive rebounds were two key factors in Thursday night's loss to the Seton Catholic Cougars.

While the Bruins were able to fend off visiting Seton Catholic for the first half, making for a close game by halftime, the Cougars capitalized on forced turnovers and offensive rebounds, putting them in the lead early in the second half.

The Cougars walked away victorious after four quarters, with a score of 63-47 against the Bruins.

It wasn't all bad news for the Bruins, though. As the scrappy young team held on to a tight game, major defensive plays kept the Bruins within fighting distance for much of the game.

Bruins junior shooting guard Chase Colloton led the scoring on the team with 20 points, going 10 for 15 on shooting attempts.

Facing off against King's Way in Vancouver on Saturday, the Bruins fell short of their efforts to contain the Knights, taking a 21-60 loss to cap off the



Above, Junior guard Ben Allen searches for a teammate. Below, Junior Ming Syrette looks to defend against a Seton Catholic player. Jacob Bertram photos



season's first two conference games.

The Bruins will have faced off against La Center High School 7 p.m. on Tuesday, after press deadline this

week. The Bruins are also set to play against Goldendale at home, 7 p.m. Thursday May 13.

Girls Bruins show strong defense

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The young girls varsity basketball team at Columbia High School are newer to the game, and even with a shortened season and little time to hone in skills at practice, head coach Howard Kreps said that Saturday's score of 43-60 against the King's Way Knights was not "indicative of how we actually played."

For most of the game, the score stayed within reach, with the Bruins straying only six to eight points behind the taller visiting team. And Kreps said he was impressed with how the girls played defensively.

"I think for the most part, we were still in the game," Kreps said. "I like our effort defensively, but we have to improve on blocking out."

Kreps also said the team was out of gas by the final few minutes of the game, but for the shortened season, much of what the team will be working on down the road will be trying to figure out the team's playing habits and adjusting accordingly.

"I think the whole team is playing hard, we're going over certain things because it's kind of a new group," Kreps said.

With an eight-girl rotation and less than a week in



Sophomore guard Sydney Aman rushes down court in the fourth quarter. Jacob Bertram photo

between each practice, Kreps said he is making sure the Bruin girls will be focused on keeping the energy through the entire game and working on the shots that should be

made each time. "As a team when we play well it's a team effort, and it's a team effort even when we don't play well," Kreps said.

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