# Downer to play at Clackamas



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### **PAIGE DOWNER**

#### By DEREK WILEY Of the Keizertimes

McNary senior Downer had decided not to play basketball at the next level when she got a text from PJ Martineau, an assistant coach at Clackamas Community

With an invitation to tour the campus, Downer thought she didn't have anything to

After a short workout, Downer decided Clackamas was exactly where she wanted to spend the next two years.

"I really love the coaching staff," Downer said. "I just really liked it there."

Downer had only been to Clackamas once before when her AAU team, Oregon Elite, played a tournament there.

She had planned to go to Chemeketa before she got the

"I knew that I was going to miss it," Downer said of basketball. "I was trying to convince myself that it's fine. Sports were in the past and try to focus on education and what you're doing for your fu-



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wilev McNary senior Paige Downer has decided to play basketball at

ture. But I knew I was going to miss it. I had to come back. I'm really excited, too."

Clackamas Community College.

Downer, who averaged 7.5 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game during her senior season, was voted to the All-Greater Valley Conference Second Team.

The Cougars play in the Northwest Athletic Conference and finished 21-8 last

Downer hasn't decided on a major but she is interested in youth juvenile counseling.

"I've always enjoyed the law side of things and I also really like psychology and counseling and talking to people through stuff," Downer said. "I find that really fun. I like helping people out with their problems."



Pachuca Camarena Soccer campers Damian Mosqueda, Arianny Guillen Rivera, Luis Perales, Ivan Gabriel Morales, Ara Jacqueline Niebla and Samantha Gomez had fun with the academy's

### Camarena opens soccer school

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Pachuca Camarena Soccer kicked off its new academy with the first of three summer camps at McNary High School on May 28-31.

Miguel Camerena, who has coached at McNary since 2002, said the focus of the academy and the camps will be having fun and he wants to start at an early age with kindergarteners through fifth graders.

"The No. 1 thing is for kids to love the game," Camarena said. "We want to see kids smiling and loving the game in a fun environment. We have really qualified coaches. Our job is going to be to help these kids develop, a soccer school for these kids to grow and get better everyday."

The next two camps are scheduled for June 18-21 and July 16-19 at McNary. Kids in pre-school through the fifth grade will take the field from 6 to 7:15 p.m., followed by middle schoolers at 7:30.

Along with Camarena, instruction will come from Juan Llamas, varsity boys head coach at McKay, Vicky Cruz, a former U20 Women's World Cup player for the Mexico National Team in Germany in 2010, Francisco Martinez, head girls coach at Lebanon, as well as McNary assistant coaches Cuauhtemoc Gomez and Raul Gasca.

Cost is \$60 for one camp or \$100 for two and includes a Tshirt. Siblings who sign up for both camps will get a \$20 dis-

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