

## ***The week in review (Oct. 24-29)***

### ***Volleyball***

This week's big match will be a North Division battle for first place when Whatcom travels to Bellevue on Nov. 2. A win for the Bulldogs will give them their first division title since 2002. Walla Walla clinched first place in the East on Oct. 26 with a five-game victory at Spokane. Last year, those two teams, along with Columbia Basin, shared the region crown. The Warriors, the top ranked team in the NWAACC, were led by Brittney Kubik and Michelle Ongers who had 18 kills each. Another tie for first happens in the West as Lower Columbia topped Green River in five games. LCC was led by Sarah Womack's 18 kills while Whitney Luchau and Rene Steinweg had 16 and 15 kills, respectively. The week ended at the Mt. Hood Halloween Tournament where Clackamas surprised everyone by winning the title. The defending NWAACC champion Cougars, who will miss this year's conference tournament, went 5-1 to win the two-day event. On Saturday, play was briefly halted as Mt. Hood announced that the event would be renamed the *Dorian Harris Halloween Tournament*, in honor of MHCC's first volleyball coach who started the tourney in 1975.

### ***Men's soccer***

Three teams have already clinched division titles while the South will be decided this week. South leader Southwestern Oregon currently maintains a five-point lead over Clark with road games at Tacoma and Wenatchee Valley remaining. Despite a 1-1 tie at Wenatchee on Oct. 29, Walla Walla has nearly clinched their second division title with one game remaining in league play and a five point lead over the Knights who has two league games left. In that game, the two goals scored in the game came from the two leaders in the scoring race. Ceveriano Garcia of WVC currently leads the Warriors' Fidel Angulo by two goals and the Knights have two games remaining. Pierce's Michael Holmes had a good weekend with a four-goal performance against Columbia Basin followed by a game tying goal with two minutes remaining against Treasure Valley. He accounted for all of the Raiders' scoring last week. Whatcom blanked Skagit Valley 1-0 as Robbie Wright leads the NWAACC with 11 shutouts.

### ***Women's soccer***

Good races still remain in the West and South Divisions. Despite a three-game losing streak, Lower Columbia is still tied with Southwestern Oregon for second place in the South. Those teams meet in Longview on Nov. 4. An interesting week looms in the West where Tacoma needs wins against Highline and Green River, and help from Bellevue against Highline to leapfrog the Thunderbirds and take the West Division crown. The Titans are coming off a 2-0 home loss to Olympic as the Rangers and Green River are still alive for playoff spots. Walla Walla earned two shutouts against Lower Columbia and Wenatchee Valley to run their season total to twelve. Shelly Ikerd (31 goals, nine assists) and Lauryn Koelzer (26 goals, 20 assists) continue to lead the NWAACC in scoring. The top performance last week was Tacoma's Rachel Maus with four goals at Bellevue. The top goalie is Spokane's Amy Danielson with eight shutouts.

### ***Cross Country***

Southwestern Oregon hosted the Southern Region Championships for the first time as Lane won both the men's and women's team titles. David Morgan of Lane and Clackamas' Jessica Harper were the individual winners. The event was held at the Kentucky Golf Course in Coos Bay where Ross Krempely (men) of Lane and Keoni McHone (women) of Clackamas were the South's Coaches of the Year. Meanwhile, over 130 runners participated in the Bellevue Invitational with Spokane winning the men's and women's community college division crowns. Mark Moeller of CCS placed third in the men's race while classmate Kelly Turner finished eighth in the women's event.