Midseason Notes from Coach Glispin

The Clark University women’s basketball team is off to a 5-3 start, including winning its ninth straight championship title in the Worcester City Tip-Off Tournament to open the season. Sophomore center Ashley Auclair is leading the way for the Cougars. She earned NEWMAC Co-Player of the Week and ECAC New England and WACBA Player of the Week Honors on Dec. 6 after leading Clark to a 3-0 week. Auclair was named NEWMAC Player of the Week the previous week as well. In the three-game spurt, Auclair averaged a double-double, 25.7 points per game and 13.0 rebounds. In addition, she had 2.7 steals and 1.0 blocks per game. In a win against Connecticut College she had 14 points and 10 rebounds and against Trinity she scored a career-high 37 points while grabbing 13 rebounds. In the Johnson & Wales game she had 26 points and 16 rebounds for her third straight double-double and fourth of the season. Through eight games, Auclair is averaging 20.9 points per game, while shooting 51.1 percent from the field. She also averages 10 rpg, 1.6 apg, and 2.1 spg. She leads the league in scoring and rebounds.

Also leading the Cougars are senior captain guard Abby Pineo and junior guard Andrea Comen. Comen is scoring at a 12.6 clip per game with 4.3 rpg, 4.4 apg, and 2.0 spg. Pineo averages 8.8 Ppg, 5.1 rpg, 4.3 apg and 2.6 spg. Glispin, in her 21st year as Clark’s head coach is once again assisted by Marge O’Brien ’83 (16th year), Tracey Hathaway (6th year), and Mary Kelleher (7th year).

In January, Clark will open the second part of the season in the Williams College Tournament. The Cougars will face Bates College, who finished the first semester 8-0 and ranked 16th in the D3.hoops.com week four national poll. Clark begins the NEWMAC season with conference opponent Wellesley.

Last season, the Cougars defeated Springfield 68-59 to win their fourth NEWMAC title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 10th time, eighth under Glispin’s direction. In addition, for the first time in league history, Clark captured rookie, player and coach of the year honors. Rachael Turkington, who has since graduated, was named player of the year. Auclair earned rookie of the year honors and Glispin was coach of the year for the second time.

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2004-05 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (5-3)

All home games held in the Kneller Athletic Center • Home games in BOLD

November
Fri. 19 Worcester City Tip-Off Tournament at WPI vs Gordon College W 83-79
Sat. 20 Worcester City Tip-Off Tournament at WPI vs Worcester State W 67-57
Tue. 23 vs Salem State College vs W 76-89
Tue. 30 vs Connecticut College vs W 66-54

December
Thu. 2 at Trinity College W 80-67
Sat. 4 at Johnson & Wales University W 81-54
Tue. 7 vs Eastern Connecticut State University vs L 57-74
Sat. 11 at Amherst College L 43-69

January
Mon. 3 Williams College Tournament vs Bates College 3:00 pm
Tue. 4 Williams College Tournament vs Wellesley College* 7:00 pm
Sat. 8 at WPI* 2:00 pm
Tue. 11 vs Mount Holyoke College* vs 6:00 pm
Sat. 15 at Smith College* 2:00 pm
Tue. 18 vs United States Coast Guard Academy* vs 6:00 pm
Sat. 22 at Babson College* 2:00 pm
Tue. 25 at Springfield College* 7:00 pm
Thu. 27 vs Gordon College 7:00 pm

February
Tue. 1 vs Wheaton College* vs 7:00 pm
Sat. 5 vs MIT* 2:00 pm
Tue. 8 at United States Coast Guard Academy* 7:00 pm
Sat. 12 at Mount Holyoke College* 2:00 pm
Tue. 15 vs Springfield College* vs 6:00 pm
Sat. 19 vs Smith College* vs 1:00 pm
Tue. 22 NEWMAC Championship Quarterfinals TBA
Fri. 25 NEWMAC Championship Semifinals TBA
Sat. 26 NEWMAC Championship TBA

* NEWMAC GAME

Cougars Claim Ninth Straight Worcester Tip-Off Tournament

The Cougars started the season winning the Worcester City Tip-Off Tournament for the ninth straight year with a 67-57 win over Worcester State College in the finals. The Cougars defeated Gordon College 83-79 in the first round. Against Gordon, sophomore Ashley Auclair had a team-high 22 points (9-15 FG, 4-6 FT) along with eight rebounds, three assists and five steals. Junior Andrea Comen chipped in 16 points, four rebounds and six assists. Senior Abby Pineo added nine points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals. Auclair poured in a game-high 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the championship game to record her first double-double of the season. Comen had another solid performance with 14 points, three rebounds, four assists and four steals. Pineo chipped in 10 points, four assists and two steals. Auclair earned tournament MVP honors and joined Comen on the all-tournament team.

Friends of Clark Women’s Basketball has been formed under the umbrella of Friends of Clark Athletics. If you are interested in supporting the women’s basketball team and would like more information, please contact Head Coach Pat Glispin

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