



GAME SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, January 26, Women's Basketball vs. St. Pete at 5pm.
- Tuesday, January 26, Men's Basketball vs. Southeastern at 7pm.
- Thursday-Saturday, January 28-30, Cougar Classic High School Basketball Tournament
- Friday, January 29, Men's Basketball vs. Southeastern Bible at 7pm.
- Saturday, January 30, Women's Basketball @ Trinity Baptist at 4pm.

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JANUARY 25, 2010

Cougars Win Against Nationally Ranked Northland Pioneers



The Cougars battled to a huge win 72-71 over Northland International University on a last second tip-in by sophomore Todd Wahlberg. The Pioneers came into the game ranked #9 nationally in the most recent NCCAA D2 rankings.

From the start of the game, the Cougars came out with great intensity, buoyed on by a great supportive crowd, to take a double digit lead. The Cougars shot the ball well from downtown, draining 6 of 11 3's in the first half. Troy Hadlock led the Cougars with 11 points in the first half, including a running 3 pointer at the halftime buzzer to put the Cougars up 42-32 going into the half.

The Pioneers stormed back in the second half, going on an 11-2 run to start the half, closing the margin to 1. The Cougars answered back and were able to maintain the lead throughout most of the 2nd half. Late in the game, Northland got hot from 3 point land and stormed ahead to take a 3 point lead with a minute to go. But Todd Wahlberg responded, hitting a huge 3 from the top of the key to tie the game at 70. After Northland had gone up by one on a free throw by Daniel Dorn, the Cougars had one last possession to try and win the game. Bryan Copeland penetrated through the Northland defense but was unable to

make the layup, but Todd Wahlberg once again came through big with the dramatic tip-in to put the Cougars ahead with 1.8 seconds remaining. The Pioneers had one more chance to win the game, but Nathan Pettit's 3-point shot was short as time expired and the Cougars celebrated the dramatic win.

After the game, Coach Champion had this to say about the Cougar win, "It was a huge win for us against a nationally ranked opponent. We got off to a great start, and strong rebounding down the stretch proved to be crucial to the victory."

Clearwater outrebounded Northland by a 40-28 margin for the game. Todd Wahlberg led the Cougars in scoring with 14 points, and Lonzo Saunders added 12. Bryan Spears played great post defense and added 12 rebounds for the Cougars.

Clearwater Christian College escaped with a 67-65 win over Trinity Baptist College on Friday night. The Cougars came into the game ripe for an upset as it was their fifth game in eight days including several emotionally draining games.

The Cougars came out strong in the first half, playing great defense and running the floor to start the game on an 11-0 run. But the Eagles hung around and kept the

game close as the Cougars went into the half up 36-26.

The Cougars built their lead to 16 in the second half but Trinity would not go away. Trinity used scrappy play and timely shooting to claw all the way back and tie the game at 65 with a minute to go. With 30 seconds to go, George Youstra scored on a putback to put the Cougars up by the final margin of 67-65. In the final seconds, the Cougar defense came through as Trinity went for the win, forcing a 3 pointer that was long as time expired.

George Youstra led the Cougars with 16 points and 9 rebounds, and Bryan Spears added 8 points and 12 rebounds.

(1/20/10) Clearwater, FL- Clearwater Christian College lost a tough region matchup 70-57 on Tuesday night to the Florida Christian Suns. The Cougars were ice-cold from the field in the first half and never got untracked as they fell behind 32-17 at the break. They battled back by scoring 40 points in the second half and cut the lead to 9 with 5 minutes left before FCC pulled away for a 70-57 victory.

Lonzo Saunders led the Cougars with 14 points and Matt Wells followed with 10 for CCC.



The Cougars will play Southeastern University at home on Tuesday, January 26 at 7pm.

Lady Cougars Defeat Trinity Baptist



(1/20/10) The Clearwater Christian College women's basketball team played host to Trinity Baptist College on Friday and won convincingly 82-39. The Cougars were led in scoring by Richelle Bucklin with 19 points and 7 steals. Amanda Isom added 17 points and 5 assists, and Alyssa Zallie contributed with 9 points. Kelly Fichtner led the Cougars in rebounding with 8 followed by Lauren Leabhart with 7 rebounds and 5 assists. The Cougars shot well from the field hitting on 44% of their shots

including 57% of their 3 point attempts and 86% of their free throws. The Cougars also had 21 assists for the game and just 9 turnovers. All 9 players scored for the Cougars as they outscored the Trinity bench 25-0. The Cougars led at the half 48-20 and were never seriously threatened in the game.

Saturday night against Pensacola and came out flat against the Gyrenes. The Cougars got down by 10 early on and finished the half behind 40-24. The Cougars never really got on track or found their rhythm on either end, and Ave Maria was able to dominate inside with 25 offensive rebounds.



(1/19/10) The Clearwater Christian College women's basketball team lost on the road to Ave Maria University by a score of 81-48. The Cougars were still recovering from a big win on

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Department +Mission:

The purpose of the Athletic Department at Clearwater Christian College is (1) to provide a competitive intercollegiate athletic program dedicated to bringing glory to God by using athletics; first to present an unshakeable testimony of Christ both on and off the field; (2) to promote discipleship within the team setting and (3) to provide ministry opportunities for our athletes to share God's Word with others.



Spotlight— Andy Carson

Andy, a freshman from Gobles, MI, has been an asset to the Cougars the second half of their season. When asked about his contribution to the team, Coach Champion had this to say, "At 6'5", Andy is a versatile player who can handle the ball at the wing and go inside to rebound with the posts. He was a talented player in Christian schools, as well as public schools and has unlimited potential as a Cougar player. We are glad that

Andy chose to come to Clearwater Christian College and play basketball for the Cougars."

Andy says that, "Understanding the college game better is a way I improved. The team has improved by closing out games better. We usually come out the first half and play well, but then the second half rolls around and we lose focus and start playing badly. I think the team will perform with good intensity when we play South-

eastern University on Tuesday because its a region and a rival game. I think we are starting to mesh well as a team right now and hopefully will continue to play well the rest of the season. If we all listen to our coach and play together then the rest of our season will be successful. "



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