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Under direction of first year coach Bob Wright, a former Bruin standout for the men, the women posted a 6-2 league record in a conference with Pacific, Linfield, Willamette and Lewis and Clark.

With a 2-3 record in non-league outings, and a 2-1 one effort in a final season tourney, the women posted a 10-6 overall record.

The Bruin women were paced by Independence sophomore Sue Knaupp with a 20.76 point and a 6.4 rebound game average. Miss Knaupp led the team in both field goals and free throw points and accuracy, hitting 139 of 380 from the floor for a .360 pace, and 75 of 114 free throws for a .666 clip.

Rebounding honors went to Cheryle Lawrence, a Mill City sophomore with a 159 total and a 9.35 average. She also added points at the rate of 7.59 a game, second highest for the Bruin women. She was closely followed by the 7.24 average of Pam Struzinger, a Salem junior.

As a team, Wright's squad averaged 30 per cent from the floor and 54 per cent in charity tosses and grabbed rebounds at the rate of 26.6 a game.

The women ended the season with a third place finish in the NCWSA small college basketball tournament in Tacoma, a tourney of eight teams from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

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