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Fall sports at WVC are off and running.

Volleyball. Back for his fourth year as coach is Kelly Ketcham. A year ago Ketcham guided the Knights to a third place finish in the Eastern Region and to the NWAACC tourney where they went 2-2. Actually this is the second time around for volleyball. The college had a program for four years from 1974 to 1977, but unfortunately records are very incomplete except for the final season.

Soccer. This is the 14th season for both programs. The gals started in 1997 and the guys in 1996, but had no team in 2000. Both teams have new coaches. Garrett Brown is the seventh headman for the men and Lori Van Lith the seventh person to manage the women.

VOLLEYBALL

After one non-league and one league match the Knights are undefeated. Back on the last day of August they swept Everett in the Apple Capital 3-0 and then traveled to Pasco Wednesday and did the same thing to Columbia Basin. The victory over The Trojans gives the Knights a 3-0 series mark, and they are now 4-7 vs. the Hawks and have won the last two in a row.

Tournament at Lower Columbia Saturday.

WVC will face Edmonds (0-3), Umpqua (1-8), Lower Columbia (2-1) and Shoreline (3-3) according to the NWAACC site. The Knights are 2-0 vs. Edmonds, 5-0 vs. Umpqua, 2-1 vs. Lower Columbia and 1-2 vs. Shoreline.

MENS SOCCER

Two victories and both on the road. The men started the season with wins Tuesday and Wednesday on a neutral site at Skagit Valley. In their opener, the Knights defeated Olympic 5-2 and then dropped South Puget Sound 3-1. WVC has played Olympic five times and defeated the Rangers every time, outscoring them 25-5. This was the sixth straight win for the local squad over SPS, and Wenatchee is up 8-1-1 in the series with the Clippers and has outscored them 37-8.

Skagit Valley (3-0-2) here Saturday.

Interesting turn of events in this series as Wenatchee Valley begins league play. In the first dozen matches between the Knights and Cardinals, the WVC had nary a win, going 0-10-2. Then beginning in 2004 the picture completely changed. The Knights have now won five in row by a combined score of 34-4, including 9-1 and 15-1 triumphs respectively the past two years.

WOMENS SOCCER

Like the men, the women began the 2010 campaign with a pair of matches in Mount Vernon at Skagit Valley. With a 5-0 white washing of Olympic Tuesday the Knights won their season opener for the first time in four years. And the five goals were the most in 35 matches since they clobbered Southwestern Oregon 8-1 in the second match of 2008. In five contests with the Rangers WVC is 3-2. Wednesday Wenatchee Valley faced Lane, a school that has given the Knights problems and this was no exception. The outfit from Eugene won 4-0 and is now 4-0-1 vs. the local team.

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The Knights begin league action against the Cardinals, a school they first played in 1997. WVC leads SVC 9-5-3. The pair last met in 2007 and Wenatchee Valley won twice 10-1 and 8-1. In their last nine matches in the series WVC is 6-2-1. The Black & Silver has done very well on their own sod...they lost the first match and are 6-0-2 since.