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Fall sports at WVC are off and running.

Volleyball. Back for his fifth year as coach is Kelly Ketcham. The past two seasons the Knights have placed third the East Region and qualified for the NWAACC tourney. 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 15th season for both programs. The gals started in 1997 and the guys in 1996, but had no team in 2000. Both head coaches are beginning their second years, Garrett Brown for the men and Lori Van Lith for the women.

VOLLEYBALL (1-2)

Wednesday, Treasure Valley (0-0) away.

First played in 2007.

Last autumn the Knights won 3-0 on the road and 3-1 at home.

WVC leads the series 5-4 and are 1-4 in Ontario.

Thursday, Blue Mountain (5-1) away.

First played in 2007.

WVC won the first nine contests, but the Timberwolves have taken four straight over the past two years.

BMCC is the defending East Region champion.

MENS SOCCER (1-1-1)

Saturday, Pierce (1-1) home.

First played in 1996.

Last meeting was a 9-0 Knight win in 2009.

Wenatchee Valley has a 4-match winning streak.

WVC leads the series 5-2-1 and is 3-0 at home.

Sunday, Walla Walla University (1-0) home.

Last fall WVC faced Walla Walla University for the first time. WWU won 5-4 on their field.

WWU is a 1,800-tudent private university in College Place affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the season opener last week in Tukwila WVC and Olympic tied 3-3. The Knights lead the series with the Rangers 5-0-1. The next day in Tukwila they got nipped by Tacoma 3-2, but still the Titans 6-2-1 overall. Saturday they played their initial home match and earned their first victory when they pounded Edmonds 4-1. Victories over the Tritons have been rare as the Snohomish County school leads the series 13-3-2.

WOMENS SOCCER (1-1)

Thursday, Edmonds (2-1) home.

First played in 1997.

Last meeting was last fall and Edmonds won 5-1.

The Tritons lead the series 12-5-1 and are ahead 5-3 in Wenatchee.

Saturday, Clackamas (0-1-1) home.

First played in 2005 with a home-and-away and then in 2008 in another home-and-away.

The Cougars have won all four matches.

The Knights have yet to score against the Oregon City outfit, and trail 24 goals to none.

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Last week the Knights got their season started in Tukwila with two matches. They were defeated 3-0 by Olympic and rebounded the next day to drop Lower Columbia 1-0. The series records against both schools are now 3-3. A year ago Wenatchee Valley beat the Rangers 5-0 in Bremerton. This was the first match with the Red Devils from Longview since 2006.