WINCHESTER — What a battle.

The Clackamas Community College and Umpqua women’s basketball teams went at it for 45 minutes in a key Northwest Athletic Conference Southern Region game on Saturday afternoon in the UCC gym.

The No. 7-ranked Cougars of Oregon City were wearing the happy faces after pulling out a 97-95 overtime win over the No. 5 Riverhawks. Clackamas (17-8, 8-4 South) moved into a tie with Umpqua (21-6, 9-4) for second place in the loss column and completed a sweep of the Riverhawks in their league series.

Clark (16-8, 8-4) is also in the running for second behind league champion Lane (25-0, 12-0), the top-ranked team in the NWAC.

“It’s a huge win for us,” said Clackamas coach Jim Martineau, a Sutherlin High School graduate. “We kind have struggled offensively all year long, so I wasn’t expecting to come down here and put 90s on the board. We needed them all because we couldn’t get many stops.”

Johanna Paine turned in a sensational performance for the Cougars, pouring in 46 points. The 6-foot sophomore from Oregon City, who played one season at Division I Santa Clara University, could’ve been over 50 but missed 10 free throws. She added 13 rebounds and five assists.
Clackamas never trailed until the last two minutes of regulation, when Umpqua bounced back from an 11-point deficit with 13 unanswered points to take an 82-80 lead. Tasia Bilbrew capped the run with a pair of free throws with 2:23 remaining.

But the Cougars got the lead back 20 seconds later on a 3-pointer by Rachel Johnny, then the remaining time in regulation was full of drama.

Paine scored inside with 6.1 seconds left to give Clackamas an 87-85 advantage, but UCC guard Jasmyne Davis was fouled on a shot attempt inside with 0.8 seconds remaining. Davis converted both foul shots to force overtime.

The Riverhawks went ahead 91-87 in the extra session on baskets by Bilbrew and Sawyer Kluge, and had an opportunity to hike their lead to six but Davis threw the ball out of bounds on a fastbreak.

Clackamas outscored the Riverhawks 10-4 the rest of the way, with two free throws by Paine putting the Cougars in front 97-93 with 23 seconds to go. Bilbrew scored inside to draw UCC within two with 10.8 seconds showing. The Riverhawks fouled Clackamas guard Emma Platner with 8.8 seconds left, but she missed both free throws, giving Umpqua a chance to tie or win.

The Riverhawks couldn't pull it off, though, as Syd Clark's 3-point attempt from the right corner was off the mark just before the buzzer.

"We made some crucial mistakes in crunch time," said UCC coach Dave Stricklin. "We had a four-point lead (in overtime), and had a fastbreak that we turned it over on. We gave up two crucial offensive rebounds to them where they could run the clock down. You have to execute in crunch time and we didn't do it."

Kluge led the Riverhawks with 27 points — 20 coming in the second half and overtime — and grabbed 15 rebounds.

Anna Mumm had 22 points, 10 boards and four blocked shots, but fouled out with 7:18 left in the fourth quarter.

Bilbrew chipped in 15 points and six rebounds, while Maddy Pape contributed 14 points and 16 rebounds.

"We didn't execute as well as we should have," Bilbrew said. "It all comes down to defense. That's what we have to work on.

"Offense will come, but defense wins championships. (Johanna Paine) is really tough. She's a great player and I respect her a lot."

The Cougars often isolated Paine to go one-on-one and the Riverhawks had no answers.

"She's special. We've been riding her all year long," Martineau said.

"She's a great offensive player," Stricklin conceded. "Good for her because she's got that go-to move. If she can spin and take that extra step she's unguardable."

Martineau and Stricklin were both unhappy with the inconsistency of the officiating crew. The two clubs combined for 42 fouls.

The Riverhawks are on the road this week, beginning with Lane in Eugene Wednesday.

CLACKAMAS (97) – Johanna Paine 16-29 12-22 46, Platner 6-14 0-2 17, Johnny 2-2 0-0 5, Rojas 1-1 1-2 3, Hermosillo-Wright 2-7 0-0 5, Hutchins 4-7 2-6 11, Pittman 1-7 1-2 4, Lindley 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 35-74 16-34 97.

UMPQUA (95) – Sawyer Kluge 8-21 8-9 27, Davis 1-5 3-6 5, Clark 3-6 0-0 8, Pape 5-13 4-7 14, Bilbrew 6-14 2-2 15, Williams 1-1 0-2 2, Mumm 9-19 3-6 22, Jackson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 34-82 20-32 95.

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