Britz anchors mile relay to a third place

Some of the College's top track and field athletes competed in the Portland Indoor Invitational Track Meet Saturday at the Memorial Coliseum.

The participants, both men and women, were entered by their coaches on the basis of their ability and readiness.

"We went into the Indoor with a loose approach," said Roger Smith, womens' track coach. "We're geared toward regionals and nationals. It's too early in the season to get up for this kind of meet."

"Barbara Johnson ran well in the hurdles," Smith said. Also competing in the hurdles was Verna Simon.

According to Smith the sprinters have an easier time getting up for these kinds of meets, but he was also pleased with the distance runners.

Amanda Eggleston and Raela Rogers took part in the sprint competition while Lisa Nickel, Vickey Paddock and Jean Sandwick ran the mile.

Sally Arthur and Angella Cotton both ran the 1000 meters in the day meet. No women competed in the night meet.

Karen liames was the only field event competition for the women. According to Smith, she used the meet exclusively for a warmup to the season.

"Last year we had to let everyone know we had a track



Steve Maynard blazes to a third place finish in his heat in the 60meter competition. Photo by Brian Snook

program," Smith said. "This year, they know."

Bringing home third place honors in the mens' college mile relay was the team of Dave Rudishauser, Don Brown, Joe Jones and Kelly Britz. They ran a 3:36:2 behind Mt. Hood and Lewis and Clark Colleges.

Britz won his heat of the 1000 meters in the day meet. "I ran a 2:32," Britz said. "I ran good, but it was a little slow."

"Kelly won the race. He controlled it and just ran nice. He cruised along and then just blitzed at the end," said Buck Monroe, assistant track coach.

"I was really impressed with Doug Oberst," Monroe said. "He was just one second behind the winner. He had to run around people, the traffic was really bad. He should be a strong three miler for us." Alan Knoop, a Clackama dent but running unatter also competed in the 3 meters.

In the mile Brown and Wanvig ran times of 4:28 4:39 respectively. Sprinters Roosevelt White

Steve Maynard both took in their 60 meter heats. "Steve really flew and R

velt was decent too," M said. "Steve is really or along, he's just getting t all the time."

Dave Reed, the school r holder in the triple jump, 44 feet in that event. Dan Jackson and Randy

linger rounded out the events Photo by Brian Snoo "R Photo by Brian Snoo

very pleased with him," M said. "Dan also looked especially in warmups."



Clearing the last hurdle successfully Verna Simon steadily a finish of the 60-meter hurdles.

Sports Men lose close games

The College men's basketball team fell to 4-6 in league play as they lost to co-league leaders, Lane Community College and Central Oregon, in action last week.

In Saturday's game at Clackamas, Lane led only twice but it was the second time they did the Cougars in, as they lost in the closing seconds, 67-65.

After tieing the score at two, Clackamas led throughout the game and even held a 16 point lead at 33-17 with 6:30 left to go in the first half.

However, with Preston Martin's third personal foul, Lane was able to outscore the Cougars 17-6 and only trailed at the half, 39-34.

In the second half, Clackamas held a 53-47 lead before Lane rallied to knot the score at 57. From then on, the two teams virtually traded baskets with one another.

Dan Slick's three point play and Jim Coffman's free throw gave the Cougars a 61-57 lead with five minutes left to play.

With 4:50 left, it was 63-59 Clackamas. With only two minutes remaining, Lane had tied the score at 63.

With only :22 seconds remaining, and the score tied at 65, Coffman was boxed in and was forced into a jump situation with Lane's Steve Halverson.

Lane got the ball and with seven seconds left on the timer, called a time out.

With four seconds left, Cougar Tom Tirrill fouled Pat Findall and he sank both ends of a Page 6 one-and-one to give Lane their second lead of the game at 67-65.

Slick and Coffman led the way with 20 points apiece and Martin grabbed eight rebounds to lead the team.

The Cougars as a team, shot 50 percent on 27 of 54 and they also connected on 11 of 14 free throws. A key factor in the game was the Cougars 25 turnovers to Lane's 18.

The Cougars had a much tougher game earlier in the week as they traveled to Bend to take on Central Oregon.

Clackamas' 29 turnovers proved to be the difference as COCC took advantage of the Cougar miscues for an easy 106-89 victory.

Easy was a good word to describe it as Central Oregon shot.584 percent on 47-82 from the field. A lot of those points came on layins created by the 23 steals that Central Oregon had off their pressing defense.

Shooting was not a problem for the Cougars as Clackamas hit on 40 of 74 shots, or .545 percent and 9 of 15 free throws, or 60 percent.

Slick led with 19, Martin hit on 8 of 13 shots for 16 pts and 9 rebounds. Coffman and Mark Schroeder had 12 each while Tirrill had 7 assists.

The Cougars travel to Pendleton to take on Blue Mountain Community College, Wed., Feb. I. They also are part of a basketball double-header on Fri, Feb. 3 as both the mens and womens team take on Linn-Benton Community College.



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