

Women tracksters capture National title



"It was just one hell of a meet," Roger Smith, head women's track coach said. The college women's team won the National Junior College Athletic Association Title in Champaign, Ill. last weekend.

This is the first year of competition for Clackamas in the NJCAA. In the fall the women's cross country team also captured the National title.

"Regina Jordon gave a superb effort and Raela Rodgers also had a fine meet. Lisa O'Dea and Rhonda Gleitz must also be credited for their performances," Smith said.

O'Dea set a national record in the 400-meter hurdles with a 1:02.75. She was also a member of the record-setting 400 and 1600-meter relay teams.

Jordan, Barbara Young, Rodgers, and Amanda Eggleston set the 400 mark with a 48.69

first place finish. Eggleston, Young, Angella Cotton, and O'Dea joined in to make the 4:04.45 national record.

In the 800-meter sprint relay Jordan, Young, Rodgers, and Eggleston took second and set a record of 1:50.8. Lisa Nickel's 1500-meter record still stands.

Ronda Gleitz was a surprise placer in the high jump. Previous to the competition Gleitz had a best of 5-3 and jumped 5-4 to take third. Many of the entrants had bests of 5-8 or 5-10 coming into the meet but only two were able to beat Gleitz.

Jordan placed second in the 200-meters with a 26.5. She and Rodgers also took second and third in the 100-meter dash in 12.02 and 12.03.

"I think our success was that we sat back in the preliminaries and then came back strong in the finals," Smith said.



Amanda Eggleston (top) strains to beat out opponents in her leg of a relay competition at the national track and field championships in Illinois last weekend. Right, Raela Rodgers confers with Regina Jordon at trackside while resting their feet after a hard race. Below, after hearing the announcement of their national title, Clackamas women tracksters celebrate with a hoot and a holler.



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