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## Cross-country teams rolling

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With Doug Oberst running a second to Lane's Dave Magnes, the Clackamas men's cross-country team fought to a 28 tie with Lane Community College Saturday at the race started with three runners entered but an injury to a runner kept the host team from scoring. The course was a very rough one for a cross-country runner in the literal sense of the word. "This was a beautiful course, we were jogging," Coach Monroe said. "But it was rough terrain to run on. COCC's injury proves that." Of the 25 people who entered the race, three Clackamas runners finished in the top five. Besides Oberst's second place, Dan Cobine and Ellison finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Oberst has consistently been

among the top finishers in all the races he has participated in and Monroe sees this as quite an accomplishment.

"Doug is really performing consistently and is becoming one of the best cross-country runners in the state," Monroe said. "Magnes might be a little better now but Doug is right with him."

Monroe is impressed by the incredible amount of improvement of the whole team. But Dan Cobine's progression over the past few weeks has been quite noticeable.

"Dan did real well Saturday," Monroe said. "He's really becoming one of the better runners on the team."

Again, Lane seems to be the major obstacle in the Cougars' path to state, and with the return of Dave Magnes to top form, the threat would seem even greater. But Monroe doesn't see Lane as an "un-fightable foe."

"Lane is tough, and Magnes is probably the best small college runner around, but

they can be had. It'll be hard, but it can be done," said Monroe.

Clackamas' Saturday performance against Lane was somewhat surprising considering the return of Magnes. The Cougar's achievement of a tie was satisfying enough for Monroe.

"I was happy to come out of it with a tie," Monroe said. "I would have liked to have pulled off the win, but a tie this early is a good sign."

### Women awesome

The Clackamas women's cross country team put on a awesome display of teamwork at Central Oregon in Bend Saturday. The Cougars placed all 10 of their entries in the top 12, ranging from third place to twelfth. The Cougars, as a result, defeated both COCC and Lane, 25-45-95, respectively.

"For us this was a training session," Coach Roger Smith said. "We ran as a group, which was our goal, and we won the meet, which was an added benefit."

"A team can only get psyched up for so many weeks, so we came down for this one relaxed," said Smith.

Rhonda Weidman finished number three for Clackamas and was followed by a host of Cougar teammates. Sally Arthur came in fourth; Mary Hanson fifth; Barb Rost, sixth; Julie Larkin, seventh; Susie Morehart, eighth; Vicki Pad-dock, ninth; Lisa Nickel, tenth; Leandra Baranoga, eleventh; and Barb Young, twelfth.

Smith was satisfied with his

team efforts but says they must now prep for the nationals.

"I was happy that we stuck to our plan so well, but I think it's time to get psyched up for the nationals," Smith said. "We are going to have to be ready for that."

The next meet for Clackamas will be at home Oct. 28 against Blue Mountain and Chemeketa.



Photo by Chuck Qulmby

Women runners warm-up before practice.



photo by John Bosserman

Dave Thomas hustles after ball in recent match.

## Soccer team falls again

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The Cougar soccer team went down to a 3-1 defeat Saturday at the hands of Southern Oregon State College.

The Cougars were dominated by the visiting SOCC team during most of the match but managed to get away with only a one-goal lead at half time.

The Cougars came out with a fire at the start of the second half, surprising their opponents and almost scoring on two occasions. Then on a missed play in front of the Clackamas goal, SOCC came with another goal at 39:14 into the second half. That left it 2-0 and things did not look good for Clackamas.

With eight minutes to go in the game, the Cougar kickers got on the board with a break-away goal by Massad Bahrani, bringing the score to 2-1 favor of SOCC.

With 3:15 left, SOCC scored the clinching goal on a long looping shot from the left wing which sailed over the Clackamas goaltender's head putting the game on ice for Southern Oregon State College.

Coach Rich Taylor was pleased with his team's performance. "If we had come away with the right breaks, this game could have been ours. It was definitely one of our better efforts of the season," he said.

The next game for the Cougars is on Wednesday at home against Lewis and Clark College at 4 p.m.

## V-ballers earn tie for first

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The Clackamas women's volleyball team hit the road this weekend and in the progress gained three things: a tie for first place, the services of previously injured Mary Manley, and their first league loss.

The Cougs' devoured an unprepared Umpqua Community College team in Bend Friday night, 15-1, 15-10. But, before playing Central Oregon Community College the Cougars made the mistake of watching their opponents play first. The result was a 13-15, 12-15, loss.

"We watched COCC before our game and they didn't play real well," Coach Mary Rubright said. "I guess we probably were a little over-confident, but we really didn't play very well."

The match against COCC was not just another game. Clackamas defeated the Central Oregon school in the state championships last year and the host team was fired up to taste the sweetness of revenge.

"We beat them last year and so they were kind of pumped up," Rubright said, "but I wasn't disappointed. I know we can beat them."

"If this would have happened later in the season I would be worried. But as it is, and as it turns out, it only means we're tied for first," said Rubright.

Clackamas has a 7-1 league record and is tied with Blue Mountain and COCC for the number-one spot. Clackamas must face Blue Mountain Friday night as it travels to Salem for a double match. The Cougs also play Chemeketa. In two weeks Clackamas will once again meet COCC in Bend in an all-day tournament.

The Cougars got back on the right track Saturday with dual victories over Southwestern Oregon Community College and Linn-Benton at Albany. Clackamas defeated SWOCC 15-8, 15-10, before obliterating Linn-Benton 15-4, 15-6.

Saturday's matches featured the return to form of Mary Manley who had been sidelined with an elbow injury.

"Mary started for the first time and played very well," Rubright said. "It's good to have her back and playing well again."

Besides Manley's successful comeback, Rubright had the outstanding play of her bench to be proud of, and Jeri Trosko in particular.

"Jeri came off the bench and did a super job of serving and setting for us," Rubright said.

Rubright also commented on the play of Nancy Perkins and Lisa Laurent.

"Nancy's blocking really improved. She seems to be concentrating more on it."

"I would have to say that Nancy and Lisa had the best weekends of anybody," Rubright said. "Lisa just played real good all-around. Jeri and Mary also had good weekends."

Clackamas continues its pursuit of the title this weekend. Besides the Blue Mountain and Chemeketa matches on Friday, the Cougars also have a league match versus Lane Community College at home Saturday.

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