

## Runner adapts to 'big time'

icipation in junior college can be a letdown for the young athlete. It is not an honor for an athlete to attend junior college as the "two before I reach the big university."

so for Leandra Barinaga, freshman cross country star for CCC.

the shy Barinaga, CCC "big time." A high school runner in the small eastern

community of Ontario, Barinaga has traveled all the way across the state to help the

team defend their 1977 national championship. Adjusting to college life hasn't been easy, but she has had no problem getting motivated for college competition.

she never really had a problem with motivation," said the 19-year-old Barinaga. "I've always enjoyed running. Anyway, you can't lack motivation when you run for number one team in the

the looks of Barinaga's first year, she hasn't lacked for anything. In the first half of the season, the Cougars Classic, Barinaga



Leandra Barinaga

beat everyone in the field to finish first in her debut as a collegiate runner. In the Bend

Invitational earlier this month, she laid back and coasted to a 13th place finish as the Cougars took 11 of the first 13 spots.

"At Bend, we ran as a team in a pack," commented the slim freshman. "It was a lot of fun to see the whole team finish together." The sweep at Bend kept the Cougars undefeated for the season.

The only problem Barinaga seems to have is homesickness, something almost every college student away from home experiences. "Adjusting has been kind of hard," she said. "But, I try to keep busy so I can keep my mind off of home."

"Roger Smith, our coach, makes it easier," she continued. "He makes workouts a lot of fun. But, I'm still ready to go home for Thanksgiving."

Goals are something Barinaga sets during spring track season, not during the fall cross country season. "I have no real goals during cross country," she said. "I just try to run my hardest every meet."

Barinaga runs the 3,000-

meters during track, and she is looking forward to breaking her lifetime best of 10:14. "I set more goals in track," said the first-year star. "Goals make me work harder in the spring."

She has set some long-range goals for the future, including a running career at a major university. "I want to eventually run at a four-year school," said Barinaga. "But, I have no idea where."

Asked if the Cougars will be better this year than last, Barinaga was unsure.

"I can't really say," she said. "I hope we can win again, but I just don't know since I wasn't here last year."

If Leandra Barinaga stays motivated, chances are CCC will be the women's national junior college cross country champion in 1978, too.

## Soccer players gain poise, respect

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The Clackamas Soccer team picked up its first two wins of the season last week while losing only once.

On Wednesday, coach Rich Taylor's young team gained its first win with a 3-1 victory over Lewis and Clark before losing Saturday 7-0 to Portland Community College and winning Sunday versus Oregon State University, 1-0.

On Wednesday, the Cougars completely controlled the game as they allowed Lewis and Clark only six shots at the goal.

"We played real well," Taylor said. "We wanted to win and we moved the ball well."

Massoud Bahrani provided the offense for the Cougars as he scored all three Clackamas goals.

The win was pleasing to Taylor and he commented on his team's effort.

"We finally started playing the way we should," Taylor said. "We played as a team and controlled the ball."

Saturday, the Cougars played Portland Community College at home and experienced the feeling of being totally dominated, as they were humbled 7-0.

"We were out-manned," Taylor said, "they dominated the whole game and we just couldn't keep up."

PCC won the Oregon collegiate championship in its division last year and the Cougars were slightly psyched out.

"PCC is a very good team, even better than last year," Taylor said. "I think we were somewhat wary about playing them in the first place because of their reputation."

The Cougars traveled to Oregon State Sunday and got back on the winning road with a 1-0 victory.

Once again Clackamas had complete control from the beginning, holding OSU to only four shots at goal while keeping the ball in their possession for most of the game.

The match's only point was scored on a header off of Gregorio Manzano's corner shot by Randy Doris.

The transition from playing a team such as PCC to OSU made the win come much easier for the Cougs.

"OSU simply wasn't the same caliber team as Portland," Taylor said, "it was a much easier game."

Taylor's team must now win the rest of their games to achieve a winning season. Clackamas' record is 2-4-1.

"We want to have a winning record," Taylor said, "and I think we can do it."

"We play Lane and Judson Baptist this weekend and I'm pretty sure we can win them both. We tied Lane before and we should win that one, but we haven't seen Judson Baptist yet," Taylor said.

The Judson Baptist game will be played on Thursday with the Lane game following on Saturday.

## Despite loss

## V-ballers tied for first

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only four league matches remaining, the Clackamas volleyball team is tied for first place at Lane Community College by virtue of a 14-15, 15-17 loss to Lane

in a facing match-point game and serving into the net. On each occasion, the Cougars let the match slip through their fingers and into the hands of their visiting counterparts.

"We should have won," Mary Rubright said. "We lost the match and we just made dumb mistakes really early on. I'm disappointed we're just going to have to wait for next time," Rubright said.

The fact that both teams were fighting for sole possession of the top, made the game a tight one. The Cougars won the first game and then lost the second easily. In the third game, the Cougars had an 11-7 lead in the second set and enabled Lane to pull ahead, but again

the Cougars Community College

served into the net.

Although Clackamas lost Saturday they are still tied with Lane for the number one spot in the league as both have 8-2 records. But this would not have been possible had not the Cougars swept two league matches on Friday night. The Cougs also took a match from the OCE J.V.'s in a non-league match last week.

The Cougs faced Blue Mountain and Chemeketa Friday and after a slow start in the first game, went on to win both games easily.

Against Blue Mountain, the Cougars lost the first game 12-15 before coming back to win the match easily 15-4, 15-4. But these slow starts worry Rubright.

"I don't know whether we're just not warming up enough or what," Rubright said, "But we just don't seem to be ready to play that first game. This we are going to have to work on."

Rubright commented on the outstanding play of Nancy Perkins and Lisa Laurent against Blue Mountain.

"I would have to say Lisa and Nancy were the brightest spots in that game," Rubright

said, "it's hard to pick outstanding efforts but theirs stick out."

In Fridays' second match the Cougars needed little help in destroying an inferior Chemeketa team 15-5, 15-7.

"This wasn't a real tough match," Rubright said, "but I was happy with the way it turned out."

"We just played up to potential and did well. Mary (Manley) did a real good job hustling and spiking. Also Kelly (Kosik) really helped. She has really improved on her blocking and she was hitting from the middle more," Rubright said.

The next action for the Cougars is today against Mt. Hood and Clark at Mt. Hood. Clackamas then travels to Bend Saturday for an all-day tourney. All this week's matches are all non-league.

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