

Tracksters look to field good team in spring

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Good, solid and com-
petitive" were the words coach
Tipton used to describe
this year's men's track team.
Three national competitors
returning from last year's club,
the Cougars look to be a strong
and experienced team.
"Overall we should have a
solid club," Tipton said.
"We have a lot of talent and we
should be competitive."
Some of the talent Tipton
mentions are the trio of Doug
Oberst, Randy Bolliger, and
Dan Jackson, all participants in
the 1978 national meet in
Evanston, Ill.
Oberst, a steeple-chaser who
finished seventh in the national
meet, will head up the host of
returners the Cougars are
counting on this year. Oberst
qualified for the national
country meet this spring
and this experience should
be helpful over the course
of the season.

One of CCC's major field
competitors will be Randy
Oberst, who finished fourth in
the nationals last year in the shot
put.
Oberst is an excellent shot
putter and we look to him to be
the contender for the national
shot put championship," Tipton said.
But not least on the list
of national qualifiers is Dan
Oberst. Jackson finished
fourth in Illinois last year and
Oberst feels he is one of the
top four best this year.

This season, the Cougs are
counting on many good
distance runners. Whether it be
the mile, or the half mile the
Cougars are well prepared to
compete against anyone in the OC-

"We have a good crop of
milers and half-milers," Tipton
said. "(Dan) Cobine, (Tom)
Winters, (Dave) Rudishauser,
and Joe Rubrecht are all good,
strong runners."

In the field events, Tipton
sees the Forrell brothers as the
leading participants.

"Jeff and Greg (Forrell) are
our high jumpers and they'll
also be strong," said Tipton.
"Not only that, they also com-
pete in other areas. Greg is a
long jumper, and Jeff is a triple
jumper."

Jim Holmes leads the CCC
pole vaulters as he is already
vaulting in the 13-14 foot
range.

"Jim has an outstanding
chance for the league title,"
Tipton said.

As so often happens on the
community college level, the
Cougars will not be able to
compete in every event. There
are no high hurdlers on the
squad nor are there any
specialists in the long jump.

"It's always hard to fill out
the roster on the community
college level," Tipton said. "I'd
say there is maybe one team in
the whole conference with a
filled roster."

The schedule favors any nor-
thwest entry in the nationals
this season as they will be held
in Eugene. Tipton sees this as
motivation for his squad.

"We expect to do well this
year," he said. "We should
have a number of our guys
qualify for nationals and since
it's in Eugene this year, they
have an added incentive."

CCC begins its league
season March 24 in Eugene.



Joe Rubrecht clears the high hurdle in track practice session.

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Despite inexperience

Women racketeers to be competitive

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With only one returner
from last year's squad, it would
be hard to say that this year's
team is inexperienced.
Coach Gladys Michael's
team made up of, as she ap-
proves it, "mostly
newcomers."

With only one returner
from last year's squad, it would
be hard to say that this year's
team is inexperienced,"
Michael said. "But I would say
they have quite a bit of in-
talent."

Some of the newcomers
Michael is hoping will be
helpful for the team is
Sherry Stanley. Stanley is a
graduate of West Linn High
School where she gained a var-
sity letter in first doubles.

Michael hasn't even seen Sherry
Stanley yet.
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pick up a racquet, but I hear
that she is a real good player,"
Michael said. "This year she
will be playing singles as well as
doubles so she is going to have
to adjust to that."

In high school, tennis players
are only allowed to participate
in singles or doubles, never
both. However, in college, partic-
ipation in both areas is ac-
cepted.

Debbie Bugarsky, a graduate
of Canby High School where
she also played doubles, will be
another one of the players
Michael will be looking to to
perform well in both the singles
and doubles categories.

"Almost all of our players will
have to make the adjustment
from doubles to singles play,"
Michael said. "I really don't see
this as posing too much of a
problem, though."

Last on the list of players
with high school experience is
Shelly McNeel, from Oregon
City High. Shelly also played
doubles while in the prep
ranks.

Michael will be breaking in
four players with no previous
tennis experience this year,
next to private practice that is.
Carrie Browning of Molalla
High School where she ran
track, Sandy Carter, a 1964
graduate of Clackamas, Julie
Bausserman of Oregon City
High, and Sheila Imdieke of
Canby High are all hopefuls
who have yet to compete
seriously.

The only returner on the club
is Debbie Copher. Copher is
coming off a year where she
was a first and second singles
player as well as a first doubles
in the OCCAA. Needless to

say Copher made the adjust-
ment from doubles to singles
quite well last year.

"So far I see Debbie as our
strongest player, definitely,"
Michael said. "She had by far
the most experience on the
team and I see her improving
quite a lot this year. Not only
did she play well for us last
year, but she participated in the

state finals four years in a row
in high school," Michael ad-
ded.

"As far as the rest of the
team goes they will be playing
on the ladder to see where they
will fall in the line-up," she
said. "But from what I've seen
in past years in the OCCAA,
we should be competitive."

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