

Male tracksters perform well

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After being canceled out on their previous week's meet, the Clackamas mens track team came back last Saturday to capture a third place finish in the league relays.

In a meet scheduled for the March 24 against Ashland, Lane Community College, Southwestern Oregon Community College, Southern Oregon State College and Astoria, the Clackamas

tracksters were ready. But the night prior to the meet all but two teams dropped out of the competition leaving only Clackamas and SWOCC to compete, which they did, and quite impressively.

"We did rather well," Coach Tipton said of his teams' performance. "Considering all that happened we had some real good efforts."

One of those efforts was turned in by Duke Hughes who ran a 4:11 1500 meters, his best ever time.

Some of the other Cougars who put in good efforts were Dan Jackson who threw the discus 150' 10" and Randy Bolliger who put the shot 50 feet 6 inches. Also Jim Holmes pole-vaulted 13' 9".

Last Saturday the Cougars came in third in a meet against the Mountain Community College, Central Oregon Community College and Linn-Benton. The main reason for this was the fact that Clackamas did not enter a quarter-mile relay team.

"You might say it was a coaching error," Coach Tipton said. "I didn't want to strain the team. We could have gotten more points had we entered, but I didn't want to risk injury."

In the meet, which featured mostly team events, the Cougars pulled off a minor upset in beating Lane in the two-mile relay with a time of 7:56, .10 better than second place Lane.

"We have four or five good half-milers, but Dave Rudischauser, one of our better ones, wasn't there. That made the win even more enjoyable," Tipton said.

Jeff and Greg Forell placed second and fourth respectively in the long jump while Jeff also finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 42" 5".

In the distance medley, Coach Tipton pointed to Dan Cobine's three-quarter mile time of 3:07, as a key to the overall team performance.

"Dan was outstanding in the medley," he said. "Even though we finished second behind Lane, his run kept us in the race."

Dan Jackson finished first in the discus with a toss of 150' 11" while fieldmate Randy Bolliger came in first in the shot at 50' 6".

"We competed well and we might have been champions if we had entered enough races," said Tipton. "I was happy with the way we represented ourselves."



The mens track team get in some conditioning prior to this week's meet.

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During spring break . . .

Racketmen prep

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While most College students were basking in the sun or fleeing to places unknown during spring break, men's tennis Coach Rich Taylor had his team in Eastern Washington for a series of tough pre-season matches, preparing for the spring campaign.

The Cougars opened up the road trip with a decisive 7-2 win over Lewis and Clark College and were forced to regain their strength in just one short hour and take on Washington State. The Cougs were unable to overcome the adverse circumstances and dropped the match 7-2. The men netters came back in the final days of the tour by trouncing Blue Mountain 6-1, defeating last year's regional champs, Northern Idaho, 6-3 but ended the tour on a sour note with a 7-2 loss at the hands of Coeur d'Alene Tennis Association.

Coach Taylor commented, "the spring trip was primarily designed to see how we compared with the other teams from around the area, and to have our team members get to know each other."

The Cougar mentor pointed to Tim Qualls as the outstanding player of the tour as he maintained an unblemished 5-

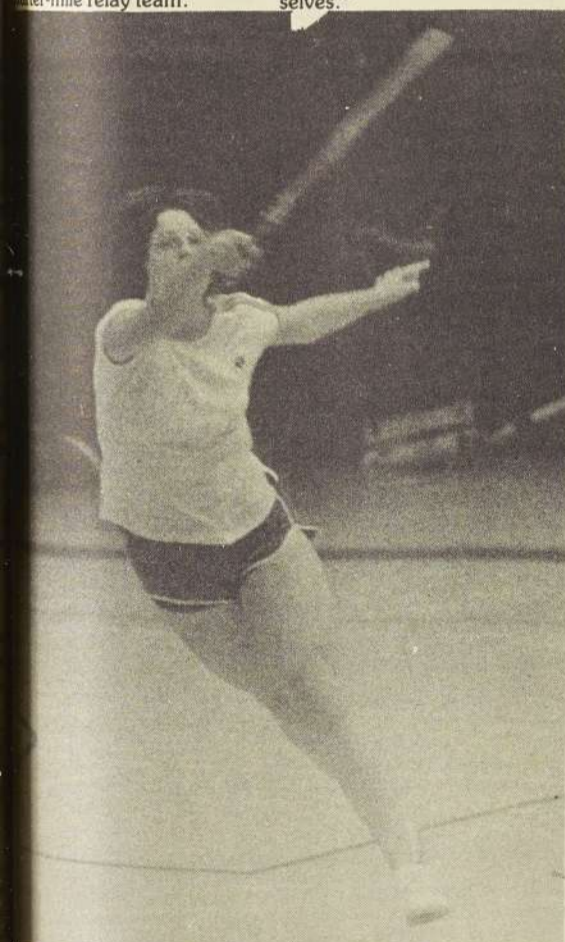
0 record. John Hazelett and David Long also performed well on the trip, as both compiled 3-2 marks in singles competition. In summing up the "spring warmup" Taylor noted, "it was an overall good trip although we were without our number one singles player, Steve Anast, who is out with a back injury."

After gaining a forfeit win over Mt. Hood Community College in their first match back at Clackamas, the Cougar netmen were thrashed by Lewis and Clark last Friday. There were a couple of bright spots in the Cougars' loss, namely David Long and Tim Qualls. Coach Taylor said Long played his most impressive match of the season as he defeated Lewis and Clark's number one man 4-6, 6-0, 6-0. Not to be outdone by his teammate, Qualls defeated last year's NAIA champ, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Although Taylor was

hesitant to mark his team as the "team to beat" he felt that the other coaches in the league would probably choose Clackamas as the pre-season favorite for the league crown. Taylor commented on the progress of his team so far, saying, "we still need to gain some consistency down the ladder. This year's team has more talent than last year's squad but at times rely on talent alone. It's just going to depend on how hard they want to work," he added.

The Cougs will open up their league schedule on Friday against Chemeketa who Taylor sees as one of the year's tougher opponents and a possible obstacle enroute to the league crown. The men will come back the following day with a match against Concordia. Both matches are scheduled for 3 p.m. on the Cougar courts.



Carrie Browning returns a serve in womens tennis practice.

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