

Women come in fourth place regardless of small team size

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 College women's track and field teams with only nine members made the national meet at the Hayward Field last weekend, brought their season to a sweet ending, placing first in the overall competition. The first-place team, Mesa Community College of Oregon, arrived at the meet with 16 competitors. Dodge Community College of Kansas brought home second, while Golden Valley Community College of Oregon gathered third. Coach Roger Smith was realistic when expecting his team to place within the top teams in the country. "He wouldn't put us up to anything we couldn't do," said team member Leandra Barinaga. The Clackamas squad, which was limited in numbers over three days of competition in Eugene, made fourth place look like a miracle. Leandra Barinaga added a new national

3:57.66. Linda Lamprecht, who also offered her expertise in the mile relay, leaped to fourth and fifth place finishes in the 400-meter intermediate and 100-meter hurdles, consecutively. Nancy Perkins elicited tears of joy for a third-place toss of 41'8-3/4" in the shot put. The only events that may have given the Clackamas tracksters a shot at third or second place were the 400 relay, which going into the competition was an almost sure victory. A bad handoff in the semi-final competition on Friday handed the girls a fifth place finish, and no hopes for finals sprinting in that event. Also, Barinaga may have managed a better time than 17:26.57 in the 5,000-meter race, since her early mark of 17:12 is a national record. But the past can have a way of dominating one's thoughts—what you should or should not have done. The Clackamas track team can consider their current standing at

very best we could with the numbers we had at nationals. And more importantly, we did it as a team." As a team, the women went undefeated in regular season action, continually showing their state supremacy over Linn-Benton, Chemeketa, Central Oregon, Blue Mountain and Mount Hood community colleges. The women dominated home meets as well as away meets and not only captured the state crown, but the regional title, as well. Individual improvement played a large part in the team's overall success this season. Linda Lamprecht, who earlier in the year slated a 16.0 time in the 100-meter hurdles, upped her time by 2.86 seconds, in competition at nationals. Nancy Perkins has raised her shot put mark from 36'9" at the OCCAA meet to 41' at nationals.

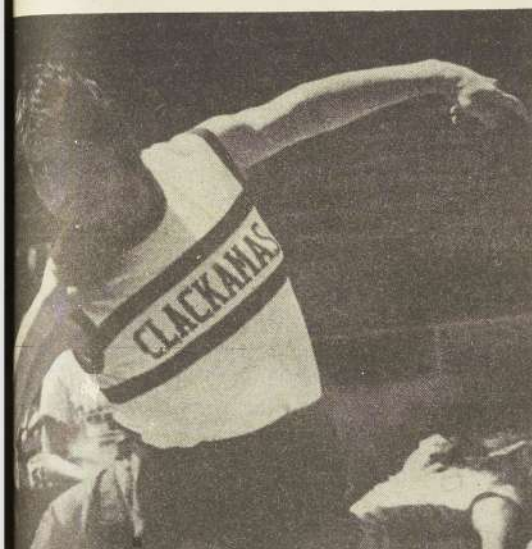
Leandra Barinaga has risen from a time of 10:05 for the 3,000-meters at the Buck Monroe Classic to 9:50.11, a national and school record. The mile relay team of Linda Lamprecht, Barbara Young, Rhonda Weidman and Susie Morehart have improved their time substantially from 4:12.8 at OCCAA to 3:57.66 at nationals. The same group of women have burned from a 51.4 time to a 49.78 in the 400-meter relay.

For next year, it looks as if there will be a "strong nucleus of girls," according to Mary Rubright, assistant coach this season. Sophomores Vicki Paddock and Barbara Young, one a sprinter, the other a distance runner, will both be leaving the squad. Lisa Nickel, who was unable to finish the season in '79 due to an injury, contributed much to the team's title last year. She'll be leaving as well.

A national track title next year? Maybe. The Cougars have set a precedent for expert track and field competition at Clackamas Community College. The competition at the national level, though, is getting tougher every year. In Eugene this year, there were only 12 points separating the first-place team to the fourth place Clackamas, and Rubright expects even a tighter line to be drawn next year. If the girls can manage fourth place with only nine tracksters, imagine a doubling of their numbers next year. A national title may not be that far away, after all.



THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD—Vicki Paddock legs out a good finish in the 3,000 meter run. Photo by Kelly Laughlin



PER SHOT—Nancy Perkins unleashes the effort which led her fourth in the national shot put. Photo by Kelly Laughlin

and first place in the 100-meter race. The 100-meter record she set in the year for Clackamas. The woman they also steamed to third in the 5,000-meter run.

Team captain Susie Morehart accomplished an incredible placing second at nationals in the long jump, first in the 200-meter sprint, second in the 100-meter sprint, and as the anchor leg in the mile relay, to lead her team to a second place finish and a time of

nationals as a prime team effort.

Barbara Young, who will be leaving the team after the season is over, talked about the growth of the CCC squad as an effective unit. "At the beginning of the year, each one of us wanted to be the best, when then we were more concerned with our own individual times in say, the 400 relay, than our time as a team. Now, although we still listen to our own times, we're more interested in what we've done as a team. Everyone would say we did the

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