

The Year in CCC Sports

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It was the year of the runner, the wrestler, and the racketeer. This year at Clackamas Community College. For the past nine months, it was a year for improving and building a foundation for the years to come.

In the past nine months, CCC has produced state championship teams in men's cross-country,

three points short of a perfect season. But all was not lost for the women as most of them were to return for the track season, a season which was to produce even better results for some, and disappointment for others.

For CCC's male cross-country team it was a battle to the end with Lane Community College, as the Cougars' Dave Ellison and Doug Oberst legged

made it to the regional final but this time fell short, as they lost to Ricks Community College in the final. Next year should be another profitable season in volleyball as almost all of the past team's members will be returning.

Winter Sports

The Beatles once had a big hit with a single called "Twist and Shout," which rocketed to the top of the pop world. At CCC last winter, the big hit was "Twist and Slam," with the performing group being the Cougar wrestling team. CCC grapplers picked up the state title with a bullet on the charts while Darvin Trammal, Tim Jones, Dan Dunn, Rich Smith and Dan Bergsma were all state champions in their weight classifications. While CCC grapplers faced tough competition at the regional tournament and did not qualify for the nationals, their dominating presence in the wrestling world of Oregon was maintained.

Tami White, Lisa Laurent, Cindy Kirkpatrick, Mary Manley, and Nancy Perkins were but a few of the names which paced the CCC women's basketball team to a surprisingly good year in the OCCAA last winter. Only a tough loss to Umpqua Community College late in the season kept the Cougs from entering the state playoffs, and with women's sports on the upswing at the College, the coming winter could bring a conference title to women's basketball at Clackamas.

CCC men's basketball suffered through one of its worst years in the history of the sport at the College this past winter as they dropped over 20 games to opponents. After never quite achieving their potential through the early games of the season, the Cougars were looking towards next year earlier than they would have liked. Despite the poor team play, CCC was not without its individuals. Johnny Williams, a graduate of Cleveland High School, came on to pace the Cougars in rebounding as well as scoring consistently, as he won Most Valuable Player honors. Recruiting is first on the list of priorities for the coming season as new Coach Royce Kiser will be taking over for Len Tirrill who will be stepping down after four years of service.

Spring sports

The time had come for the women to reunite. CCC's defending national champion

women's track team returned this year set to repeat as junior college champions. No team in Oregon could argue that CCC had the best women's track around and neither could anyone compete with them.

There is nothing like a "fast woman," and the Cougars proved it by promptly running all over Oregon competition as they went undefeated during the regular season. The Cougars then went on to capture the regional crown and it seemed like nothing could stop them, but something did. As some old wise man once said, "There is strength in numbers," and unfortunately Clackamas had the quality but not the quantity. With only nine members, the CCC team took off for Eugene only to find that national competition had improved immensely. Even though the Cougars had the talent to place impressively in some events, they did not have the numbers to defend their national championship.

People like Leandra Barinaga, who set a national standard for the 3,000 meters, and Susie Morehart, who set sprinting records left and right, made up a team which will not soon be forgotten by CCC track watchers. Especially if the women have anything to say about it.

Six of the male track team members made it to the national meet, but the team as a whole took a back seat to, once again, Lane Community College. Mike Murphy who set a school record in the javelin at nationals, Dan Cobine, Dan Jackson, Randy Bolliger, Doug Oberst, and Jim Holmes all were good enough to compete at nationals, capping off a season of success with sorrow for the men's track team.

After getting little or no attention during their somewhat lackluster schedule, the CCC golf team came through in the state and regional tournament to place third. Had the duffers finished any lower than third, Lane Community College would have taken the All-Sports trophy given to the school with the most victory points during the course of the season in Oregon. The golfers came through, however, with good efforts from Steve McPherson, who qualified for nationals with his effort, Tom Tirrill, Curt Adamski, and Fritz Wenzel. CCC owes this year's golf team a debt of gratitude for their last second effort.

In baseball this fall, the

Cougars showed what it's like to lose even when you're winning, as they streaked towards the end of the campaign, only to find out that their previous wins would be stripped from them because of an eligibility ruling. The ruling dropped an otherwise respectable record on the Cougs part, to a dismal representation of a mediocre year. Players like Mike Golka, Ron Northcutt, Kevin Barry, Jeff McCall, Brad Lehrer, and Grady Gassner, are to be commended for their never-say-die attitudes, which typified the whole Cougar team in '79.

Some say that college athletics puts too much emphasis on winning and not enough on having fun. Not so for the Clackamas women's tennis team. Although the Cougar netters picked up some impressive wins over the course of their schedule, for the most part it was a learning experience this spring. Fun was brought onto the courts by such bubbly players as Debbie Copher, the team's number one singles player, and Julie Bolen, not to mention Debbie Bugarski, Julie Bausserman, Sandy Carter, Sheila Imdieke, Sherry Stanley, Carrie Browning and Lisa Chitty. The players represented the attitude of Coach Gladys Michael in every way while on the court, and gave CCC a whole new dimension in sports.

One of the biggest stories on this year's list of biggies, was the dominance of the men's tennis team. No one in the league even came close to matching the talent of that displayed by the CCC team who easily took the state title before moving on to the regionals where they fought hard to grab that crown, as well. The berth of this year's team in the nationals was a surprise to no one as the talent of the team was well-known.

Steve Anast, Dave Long, Tim Qualls, Rich Bobzien, Jeff Alexander, Alan Clevinger, and Dave Hazelett spearheaded the Cougar attack which can only be referred to as awesome.

And so, the sports year 1978-79 comes to an end at Clackamas Community College. One can safely say that in Oregon, CCC was first overall among community colleges. The All-Sport trophy has come back to campus after only one year of absence, bringing with it a new hope for all sports in the coming year. Yes, sir, it was a very good year.



wrestling, women's track and tennis while also capturing regional titles in three of these four sports. Regional championship teams included men's cross-country, track, and men's tennis.

However, for some of the athletic squads which shared Cougar fields and courts, the agony of defeat was experienced and lived upon. For whatever reason, CCC also produced some losing teams in the past year, squads which gave it their best, which wasn't enough.

And so, with the 1978-79 CCC sports schedule at its end, this is "the year in review."

Fall Sports

While some were content with just jogging to get in shape, the CCC women's cross-country team took running to heart this past season, capturing another state and regional title and second place in the national competition. Led by the healthy legs of Lisa Barinaga and Leandra Barinaga, the women raced to victory after victory in their quest for a third straight national title. Their goal was not to be disappointed, however, as they fell

it out time and time again with Lane's Dave Magness, earning themselves a spot in the national run where they placed 79th and 113th, respectively. In the team picture, however, it was Lane who wound up the victor as they outpointed Clackamas for a spot in nationals.

Soccer returned to the CCC campus fall term and with it, a need for players and experience. The team battled against almost insurmountable odds all season and managed to pick up two wins as they ended their campaign at 2-6-1. In spite of this, the foundation has been laid for a competitive future in soccer, and Cougar kickers are looking forward to the coming season, anxious to taste that sweet nectar called victory.

Fall also brought the defending regional volleyball champions back to the courts, and the Clackamas team seemed primed to repeat as champs. Newcomers like Kelly Kosik, Sue Shirley, Lisa Laurent, and Tracy Shelton added spice and vigor to an already tough team headed up by the lone returner from the past year, Monica Reed. Once again the Cougs

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