



Clackamas runner heads for finish line.

Holmes, Colgan selected as All-American tracksters

Decathlete Jim Holmes was a major part of the Cougar men's track and field team this past season. He was the only College team member to participate in the decathlon, but there isn't a much better participant a person could ask for than Holmes.

In the Oregon Community College Athlete Association Men's Track and Field Championships, Holmes totaled 7041 points, the second highest in the nation, only to break that personal record in national competition in the Na-

tional Junior College Athletic Association Men's Track and Field Championships.

It was there, in the NJCAA Championships that Holmes proved that he was the second best decathlete in the nation, and set an NJCAA record for points collected in second-day events.

The men trackster who earned the right to compete in the nationals included: Holmes in the decathlon, Jim Colgan in the steeplechase, Larry Psick, Dan West, Dan Martin and Jeff Johnson as a 400-meter relay team, and Mike Miller in 800-meter event.

Holmes, of course, took second in the decathlon, while setting a record of 3710 points for second-day events, for a meet total of 6977. Colgan nabbed sixth in the

steeplechase, the Cougar relayers were eighth in their 400-meter event, while teammate Mike Miller was among the top 12 runners to complete the 800-meter in the national championships.

Because of their high placement in the national track meet, Holmes and Colgan received the honor of being named All-Americans.

With trying to get as many athletes qualified for the nationals as possible, there were many times that team points were given up and top Cougar tracksters were pulled from a race to allow other individuals to achieve success. Assistant Coach Kelly Sullivan stated about the regions, "We'll sacrifice points for individuals." And that's how the Cougar relay team made the nationals.

New school records set in women's track year

During the whole stretch of the Cougar women's track season, the national qualifiers kept multiplying. It seemed almost every week there was at least one new person on the list of qualifiers.

Three of the national qualifiers placed high enough in the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Track and Field Championships to earn places on the All-American second team. The highly skilled tracksters were

McCormick, as she tossed the javelin 144'5" for third place; Hanneman, who grabbed fourth in the 400 at 56.4; and Reynolds, who was fourth in the 5000-meter event at 18:22.

One other group of tracksters who placed in the national meet was the 400-meter relay team of Richardson, Howard, Dennis, and Hanneman who gave a 49.1 eighth-place time.

The times and distances of others who competed in the

nationals are as follows: Kokesh, 4:57 in the 1500-meter event; Ziemba heaved the shot put 37'9"; Simon had a time of 22.7 in the 200 event; Dennis had a time of 58:56 in the 400.

Also, while setting a new school record in the 1600-meter relay with teammates Kokesh, Simon, and Hanneman, Dennis was injured. The new school record is now 3:56.73.

Hixson battles books, golfers at nationals

The week of June 2-6 is a terribly busy one for Dan Hixson. For not only will he be battling the books as he prepares for finals, but he will be battling an estimated 260 other golfers for the NJCAA golf championship at Henry Horton State Park in Chappel Hill, Tenn.

The 19-year old sophomore shot a record 145 at the Region 18 tournament to qualify for the top tourney in junior college golf. Hixson left on a jet plane Sunday with the troupe from Mt. Hood Community College, who will compete as the Region 18 champions. Hal Moe (Linn-Benton's golf coach) will serve as the adviser due to the College's budget limitations. "We (the College) overspent the travel budget to the nationals," admitted golf Coach Jim Hudson. It was due to the large amount of teams that went to the state, regional, and national tournaments.

OSU is trying to snag Hixson into going to the four-year university. He wants to continue his education at a four-year school, but prefers somewhere like Portland University. "He's very capable of being in the top 20," Hudson said.

The finals conclude June 5. Just in time for Hixson to take his finals. A lucky man, indeed.

Women netters first in state, region

Toward the beginning of the Cougar women's tennis season, Coach Gladys Michael was thinking on the lines of second or third in state. But instead, her team gave her even higher success as they became the number-one team in the state and region, to go on to national competition.

As individuals in the state and region tennis tourney, all the Cougars who played in singles action were victorious; Pat Philpot defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-3, Diane Kraxberger won 6-2, 6-2, Bonnie Dillman topped her opponent 6-1, 6-4, as did Lisa Liechty 6-1,4-6,6-4.

Cougar doubles teams weren't quite as fortunate as they both went down in defeat.

The tables were turned a bit on the Cougar tennis players when they traveled to Ocala, Fla., to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Tennis Championships. This time it was the College's singles player who went down in defeat, and the doubles team who felt success to go onto doubles action.

It was Philpot, Kraxberger, Dillman and Liechty who would bow out after the first round of action in the national tourney. But it was Philpot and Kraxberger teaming up who

would take the number-one seed.

The Cougar team of Dillman and Wendy Young also won in their first round of doubles play but were defeated in the second round by fifth seeded team from Roane State in Harrison, Tenn.

After the NJCAA Championships had been completed, Michael stated, "It's been a very gratifying season."

Team awards were given at the Cougars awards banquet last Wednesday night. Most valuable Cougar netters were Philpot and Kraxberger. Philpot was undefeated at league and regionals play in first singles and Kraxberger was




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Women tracksters awarded

The women's track team held its awards banquet Monday, at the home of Coach Marilyn Linsenmeyer.

Awards were presented to: Loretta Elbert for most improved, Sue Hanneman, most inspirational, and Shavon Dennis for most valuable. The banquet was informal and only athletes and coaches attended.

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