



WITH A BACK-UP, softball pitcher for the Grafites, Gary Klapel attempts to catch the independences out, during last Thursday's game. The Grafites won 21-0.

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Women runners fall to Mt. Hood

By J. Dana Haynes
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The women's track team hosted a meet last weekend, but lost to Mt. Hood Community despite strong individual performances.

"We had some excellent times, but just not enough to beat Mt. Hood," Coach Marilyn Wynia said.

The strong performances included a 2nd place in the 200 meters for Petra Johnson with a time of 26.1 seconds.

In the Javelin, Cyd McCormick took 2nd with a toss of 130'5", followed by Terri Kelly's 4th place throw of 119'0".

Alice Hunger finished 2nd in the 5,000 meter race, with a time of 18:51.

The Cougar team took first in the 1,600 meter relay, with Denise Wheatley (61.0), Petra Johnson (62.3), Debbie Simon (59.7) and Terri Kelly (63.0) and a team time of 4:07.1.

The 400 meter relay went to Lane Community, with the Cougs taking 2nd with a time of 51.1. The team consisted of Wheatley, Loretta Elbert, Johnson and Simon.

McCormick took 3rd in the shot put competition with a throw of 33'9".

In the 100 meter hurdles, Wheatley took 3rd with a time of 15.4, followed by Johnson in 4th place, with 15.5.

Wheatley also competed in the 400 meter hurdles, with a 4th place time of 66.6.

In the long jump, Johnson took the 4th with a leap of 16.0 feet.

In the discus, McCormick took 2nd, with a toss of 120'.

And finally, in the 100 meter race, Johnson grabbed first place, being clocked at 12.6.

Although the lack of 'first places' seems unimpressive on paper, Wynia is pleased with her athletes' performances. Five members of the team qualified for finals, including McCormick for the Javelin and discus, Kelly for Javelin, Hunger in the 5,000 meter race, Wheatley for the 400 meter hurdles, and the Cougar 1,600 meter team.

Perhaps the most impressive performance was for Johnson, who had regional qualifying times in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 100 meter hurdles and a qualifying distance in the long jump.

Moreover, every event that Johnson competed in netted her a personal record for the year, according to Wynia.

The regionals competition is slated to be held in two weeks at Lane Community College.

Despite superlative personal times and distances, the Cougars suffer from that which ails most community college teams: lack of people.

"This is about the average size of a community college team," Wynia said. "Our problem is that we don't have any depth. We don't have five hurdlers or five javelin throwers. We've got one or two in each position."

Wynia, who is on her third year as coach of the Cougars, said that this problem is average for most two-year schools. "We have the talent for the first-place finishes, but we don't have the people to take the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places. And that's how you win a meet," she said.

Douglass stars in decathlon

By Tracy Sumner
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Cougar track and field man Marcell Douglass took his considerable athletic talent to Albany last week where he competed in the Conference Decathlon Championships last Tuesday and Wednesday. Douglass came home with a second place finish after what assistant track coach Kelly Sullivan called a "superb" performance.

Douglass completed the 10 event competition with 6,952 points, just 103 shy of the school record set last year by Jim Holmes. He also eclipsed his own personal best by nearly 700 points.

"His score was phenomenal for a freshman,"

Sullivan said. "He improved in every event (over his last decathlon)." Sullivan also said that Douglass' score would have placed him second in the up-coming Nationals.

His performance placed him second to Conny Silfver, a 25-year-old Swede from Ricks Jr. College in Idaho. Silfver now holds the world standard in decathlon competition with a performance of 7,814 points.

In decathlon competition, athletes compete against established time and distance standards, instead of each other. Points are scored on the basis of 1,000 for each event. The athlete with the most points at the end of the competition wins the decathlon.

Despite Douglass' stellar

performance, Sullivan still looks for him to improve even more.

"In every event he can do better," Sullivan stated. "All his bests (in individual events) would equal 7,500 points."

Sullivan backed his statements by comparing Douglass' personal bests with his decathlon performances. Every personal record surpassed his performance of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sullivan demonstrated Douglass' awesome athletic talent by comparing his speed in development with Holmes.

"It took three years to get Holmes to 7,000 points," he said. "It took Marcell three weeks."

Tracksters finish second; look ahead to regionals

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Shot putter Mike Hortsch, Cougar relay teams, and 5,000 meter runners for Clackamas dominated their events here last Saturday, but it wasn't enough as the men's track and field team finished second in the team's only home meet of the year.

Mt. Hood took first with 82 points followed by Clackamas with 71 and Lane CC with 60.

Hortsch again placed first by putting the shot 50 6 7/8. He also took third in the discus with a throw of 136 1/4.

Les Taylor, John Anderson, Dan West, and Manuel West teamed for a 3:17.1 time in the 1600 meter relay to take

first in that event. Taylor also teamed with Larry Psick, Jeff Johnson, and John Martin to set a season record in the 400 meter relay. The run earned the men first place in the meet.

Dan West set a new school record in the 400 meters with a sprint of 48.3. West's run broke the record held by Randy Kessler set in the 1972 season.

Cougar distance runners totally dominated the 5,000 meter event. Tony Macey and Steve Gogl set personal records as they ran Nationals-qualifying times of 14:40 and 14:43.4, respectively. Vance Blow, Kevin MacDermott, and Jim Zumwalt placed 3-4-5 in the event.

Roger Barnhurst continued a fine season taking first

in the javelin with a toss of 209-1.

Les Taylor, and Larry Psick finished 2-3 in the 100 meter dash with times of 10.7 and 11.0, respectively. Taylor, Dan West, and Psick also placed 2-3-4 in the 200 meters.

"We possibly could have won the meet," assistant coach Kelly Sullivan said. "Right now, we're not too concerned

about it." Now the team looks forward to the conference meet held this weekend.

"We're looking to win conference," Sullivan said. "Mt. Hood is our competition. We don't have the depth they do, but we have the talent."

The men travel to Gresham for the Conference meet beginning this Saturday.

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