

# sports

## Men's track team sets nationals records

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very well represented. We definitely showed our region to be one of the strongest in the nation."

Douglass broke his own school record in the pole vault at the meet to take third in that event. Douglass cleared the bar at 15-4, four inches over his previous record.

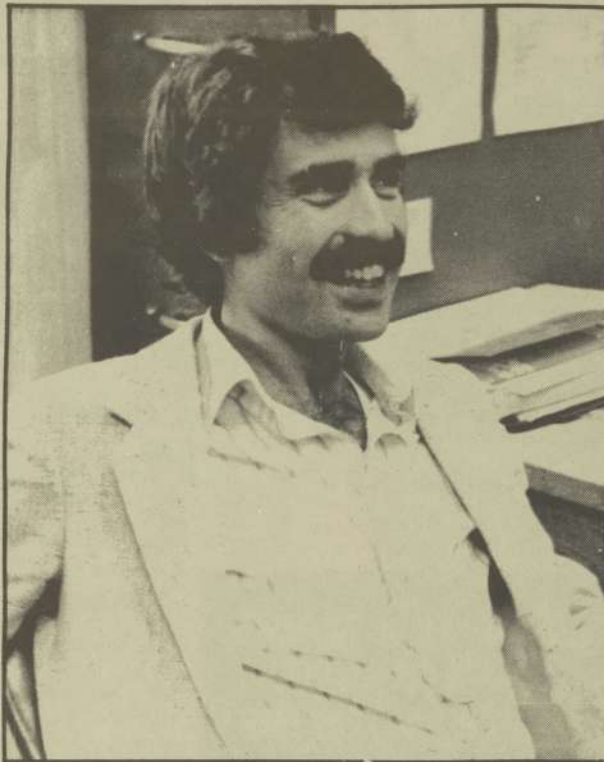
"I knew I had a good chance of placing," Douglass said. "I thought I'd probably finish in the top five."

Before the nationals meet, College coaches had predicted that Douglass would place well in the decathlon, possibly as high as second. Those predictions went the way of the fifteen-cent postage stamp as Douglass was unable to place for the Cougars.

"I had a bad day," Douglass explained. "Also they ran the meet all wrong. They ran the 100 into the wind. After the 100 and the pole vault, it was all down hill."

"I hate to make excuses, but the 100 meters killed him," Sullivan said. "He also 'no heighted' in the pole vault after placing third in that event. The competition was awesome also. His best score would have placed him fourth."

"We were pleased with Marcell though," Sullivan continued. "We had hoped for him to place second in the decathlon and get some experience in the pole vault and exactly the opposite happened."



KELLY SULLIVAN

In the 5,000 meter run, Tony Macey and Ken Valasquez placed third and eighth, respectively. Macey's time and place in the meet was good enough for All-American honors for the freshmen. Despite the high placing by the men, Sullivan said that the men should have fared better and blamed that on the weather conditions at the meet site.

"I think the weather hurt us," he said. "The humidity

and heat down there is really hard on long distance runners from this part of the country."

"It was windy for the finals," Valasquez stated, "but it didn't really bother me that much. But the heat takes a lot out of a person in the sun."

Gogl started the 3,000 meter steeplechase strongly, leading his competitors through part of the race, but in the end, finished fifth in the event.

"He lead for about five laps," Sullivan explained, "but

the heat and wind got to him. I was pleased with his effort, maybe not his strategy, but with his effort. The weather was really hard on our distance runners and Steve was no exception."

"I should have finished second," Gogl said. "Toward the end, I really sucked it up. I started something I couldn't finish."

Hortsch ended a fine season as a shot-putter with a 52-9 heave which placed him fifth in the nation in that event. Hortsch's toss was nearly seven feet shorter than that of Leonard Flyman of Ricks whose national championship put also put his name in the record books.

"I was pleased with Mike," Sullivan said. "Mike is a nervous type and he really handled the pressure. He didn't have his best throw of the year, but he probably had his best series. All of his throws were in the 52-foot range."

A major factor in the Cougar's eleventh place finish, according to Sullivan, was a disappointing ninth place finish by javelin thrower Roger Barnhurst.

"He had the second best throw in the preliminaries, but he scratched on his first throw in the finals," Sullivan explained. "I think that got him pretty tight when he scratched and it really worked on his mind."

"He's definitely the second best javelin thrower in the nation," Sullivan continued. "When you have the worst day of your life and still place ninth in the nation out of hundreds of people, that's really something. You can't take ninth in the nation away from anyone."

Vance Blow, who coaches have referred to as "one of the most talented distance runners we've ever had," was also pointed to by Sullivan as a major disappointment of the meet for the team. Blow started the 10,000 meters, but was unable to finish.

"The weather wasn't a factor," Sullivan said. "He just didn't compete. That's the most disappointing thing that happened there."

The 400 meter relay team of Les Taylor, Larry Psick, Jeff Johnson, and John Martin were ousted from competition early as a result of an error in one of the team's hand-offs.

"They blew their first hand-off and that's all it took," Sullivan said. "In nationals there's no room for mistakes, the talent is that great. I really feel that the men were a little intimidated by the appearance of the other teams and that was a factor."

Last week, track and field coach Buck Monroe predicted the Cougars would probably finish the meet around eighth in the nation and that he hoped for a fifth or sixth place finish by his team. The team was unable to place that high, but according to Sullivan, could very easily have placed higher if certain team members had performed up to expectations.

"If Roger (Barnhurst) and Ken (Valasquez) had placed and our 400 meter relay team had placed, we could have placed as high as seventh," he said. "Roger should have placed second and that alone would have given us ninth."

"We can't complain," he continued. "This is the best we've ever done. The best we'd done before was 19th in the nation. The most we'd ever scored in the nationals was 9 points."

"It's been a very good season. It's like any season. You have things that stand out. Winning the OCCAA championship, taking 11 kids to nationals, scoring and placing the best we ever have in nationals, and bringing back four All-Americans, the most we've ever had, and 12 new school records."

"What's really great is that we're getting almost everybody back next year," he said. "Now it's on to recruiting."

## Golfers take third in regional tournament

By Rick Obritschkewitsch  
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The Cougar golf team traveled to Tokatee, Oregon May 16-18 to earn the title of the third best team in Region 18.

Tokatee golf course is a "true test of a golfers skill," Coach Jim Hudson said. The course is ranked in the top 50 in the nation by pro golfers.

Hudson stated, "We played as well as we have all year; we just didn't play our best."

Mt. Hood became the Region 18 champions after breaking a tie with Linn-Benton in sudden death. Mt. Hood had a team score of 614, while the Cougar's third place score was 638.

Hudson said, "Most (Cougar golfers) just tried too hard instead of relaxing." Hudson also said, "Under the circumstances, we played as well as the other boys. Sunday was cold and rainy--we haven't

played well in the rain during the rest of the season."

Nick Atwood had the best day for the Cougars, keeping his score down to 158 on the 36 holes. Other individual Cougar scores and 171 for Joe Dominique.

Atwood went four strokes over the score needed for him to compete in the national by National Junior College Athletic Association standards, and eight strokes off what the College would have allowed to send him.

Although no Cougars were in the running for All-regional honors, it was a close race for the recipients. Joe Sobae of Linn-Benton received top honors with a score of 150, as Tony Kristiansen of Mt. Hood, and Randy Clark of Chemeketa battled in sudden death after tying at 152. Kristiansen won in the sudden death competition.

Chris Harrel of Mt. Hood and Perry Billaud also had a sudden death battle for the fourth position after each using


153 strokes to complete their 36 holes. Harrel won this sudden death.

Cougar golfers started off the season on a positive note, taking second in the Willamette Invitational, and then winning the Mt. Hood Invitational. "But it went down hill from there," Hudson said. There was to be no conference wins for the College club swingers.

Season averages for Cougar golfers went as follows: Nick Atwood 78.5, Mark Tetter 78.6, Dean Dodge 78.8, Ron Hurst 78.8, Dominique 79.7, Sean Smith 79.8, and Andy Goddard 79.9.

Two, or maybe three golfers will be returning to compete for the College. The two that are pretty certain are Atwood and Smith.

Goddard has already put in the allowed two years at the community college level, but he is petitioning the NJCAA to allow him another year. He was the Cougar's seventh man last year, and didn't see much competition.



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