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Cougar soccer team nabs play-off berth

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The College soccer team entered last Saturday's game with the University of Oregon Ducks with a 3-2-1 record in league play and a chance for a play-off spot depending on the outcome of the Oregon game. Tension was high as the team took the field against the Ducks for what could have been the Cougars' final game of the season.

The Cougars quickly disposed of the tension with an easier-than-it sounds 4-2 win over the Oregon squad at Autzen Stadium in Eugene. Tim Canfield scored the team's first two goals and Dieh-Waithe Livi Nwankwo (Nwamko Livi) scored his fourth and fifth goals in his last two games to carry the Cougars to the win.

Canfield's first goal was a short header early in the game followed by a goal on a 25 yard free kick for a 2-0 lead. After that, the outcome of the game was history, only the final score needed setting.

"That game was pretty much over after we went up 2-0," College Soccer Coach Janos Szanto said. "We let up in the second half and let

Oregon score twice, but I'm satisfied."

Livi scored once in the first half, a score that gave the Cougars a 3-1 halftime advantage, and finished the team's scoring with a goal in the second half to provide the final margin of victory.

"I feel really happy," Livi said. "I'm confident we're going to do it again this weekend. The guys played very good soccer. If we play like that this Saturday, we're going to win."

Of the ease of the Cougar win, Livi said, "When you watch us play Oregon, it's like we were playing high school guys."

Midfielder Sean Kelly seemed to echo Livi's statements about the game. "The score was 4-2, but it wasn't that close," Kelly said. "They weren't even in the game."

Some of his teammates had referred to Livi's goals as "garbage goals," but Szanto prefers to think of Livi's out-put of the last two games as an example of the type of player Livi is.

"There's no such thing as a garbage goal," Szanto stated.



Tim Canfield (Left) in recent soccer game here. Canfield scored twice in 4-2 Cougar win over University of Oregon Saturday. Staff Photo by Troy Maben

"It takes a special talent to be at the right place at the right time. He (Livi) has the instinct to be there for the rebound. We play soccer to score goals, not to be pretty."

The opponent the Cougars will be facing this Saturday will be decided today by the outcome of a contest between Oregon and Oregon State on OSU's home field in Corvallis. If Oregon State defeats the Ducks, as Szanto feels they will, the Cougars will

play OSU on OSU's home field where they lost a 3-0 decision to the Beavers earlier this season.

In preparation for the game with OSU in Eugene's Parker Stadium, the team has been practicing in Randall Hall Gymnasium and may practice in Portland's Civic Stadium later this week.

The reason for the change in practice location Szanto said, is to help the players prepare for the astro-turf surface of

Autzen Stadium.

Cougar Tales--Livi expressed extreme confidence in his own ability to help his team this Saturday. "I'm optimistic I can do it again. I'm ready to bring out my best this time," he said.

The Cougars finished the regular season with an over-all won-lost-tied record of 6-4-1. They were 4-2-1 in Oregon Inter-College Soccer Association play.

Men's x-country to defend Regional crown

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For the first time this season, the Clackamas Community College men's cross-country team is 100 percent healthy. One look at the defending region 18 champions shows that the Cougar's clean bill-of-health came none too soon.

The course of Southwestern Community College in Coos Bay, Oregon is the scene of the Oregon Community College Athletic Association Region 18 meet this Saturday.

The Cougars, currently ranked third nationally, will have three other nationally ranked teams in the meet along with several highly touted individuals. Obviously, the team will have to be in top form for this weekend's meet.

Cross-country Coach Kelly Sullivan is aware of the talent of the opposition, but is confident of his team's chances for a regional championship.

"If we run as well as we can this Saturday, we should win it. This is the first meet of the season where everybody is healthy. We should be 100 percent," Sullivan stated.

"I'm really confident this season," he said. He also said that his top seven runners, the

athletes who figure in the team scoring in the meet, are dependable runners, not prone to "choking."

Besides Clackamas, Southern Idaho, currently ranked fourth in the nation, North Idaho (Eighth), Lane Community College (Tenth), all carry national ranking into the meet. Lane is a member of the OCCAA (the league that, until this year, Clackamas was a member of) and according to league rules, is ineligible for a nationals berth.

As a team, Southern Idaho is seen by Sullivan as providing the toughest competition in the meet for the Cougars. Southern Idaho returns four of its top five runners including three All-Americans.

Southern Idaho's team is headed by Christy Davids, a second year runner from South Africa. Davids finished 12th in the Region 18 meet last year and seventh in the National Junior College Athletic Association Nationals meet.

Christy Davids of North Idaho (no relation to Christy Davids of South Idaho, but also a native of South Africa) heads a list of individual competition at the meet. Davids was Region 18 meet champion in 1981 and finished second in the Nationals meet.

Running the first position for Clackamas will be second-year man Tony Macey. Macey's accomplishments for this season include a new school record in the five-mile course. He finished the course in 24:12 for the new College standard.

Last season, Macey finished fourth in the Regionals and fifth in the Nationals meet.

Ken Velasquez went through a tough season, fighting injuries all the way, but is 100 percent healthy and should be ready to run a strong race this Saturday, Sullivan feels. Velasquez is a veteran of the Nationals wars and is a good bet to repeat his NJCAA appearance.

The other five runners

who will figure in the team's scoring are Brian Abshire, John Hanson, Kevin MacDermott, Steve Gogl, and Jeff Franklin. Sullivan expressed his confidence that any of these runners could place high for the Cougars.

"We've got three or four guys on our team that could be individual (Regional) champs," Sullivan said. "I think we're capable of taking seven of the

top twelve spots in the regionals. Hopefully we'll take five of the top eight spots. That's asking a lot, but that's our goal."

"I don't think we're overconfident," Sullivan said. "That's because we really haven't put it together as a team yet. As a team, we haven't proved a damn thing."

The time for proof comes this Saturday.

Intramurals offered

The College will be holding co-ed intramural volleyball for Clackamas Community College students. Teams are to be made up of four men and four women.

Contact Loren Swivel ext. 435 for sign-up sheets and other information.

The number of teams that may sign up is unlimited.



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