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Stephens'81 not enough

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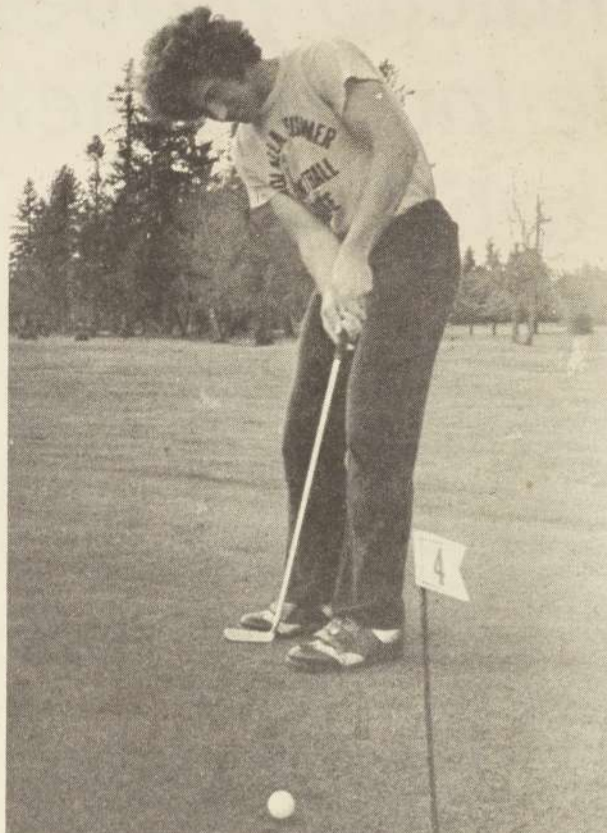
The last few matches for Coach Hudson's golf team haven't proven to be what he was expecting at the beginning of the season, as the Cougars took fourth in the Bellevue Invitational and dropped two matches to Treasure Valley Community College.

Although the weather has been on their side the Cougars cannot seem to get in the swing of things. Teams and scores in the tournament include winner Columbia Basin College with a 309, Clark College taking second with a 311, Tacoma Community College shooting a 320 to take third while the Cougars took fourth with a 334.

Bellevue Community College settled for fifth with a 335, Shoreline was sixth with 337, Greenriver picked up seventh with a 339 and Wenatchee took eighth with 341. Lower Columbia College couldn't seem to put their game together as they hacked their way to ninth place with a score of 383.

Individual Cougar scores include: Dave Stephens-81, Dave Reichert-82, Todd Federichs-85, Jim Poach-86, Andy Goodard-88, and Steve Miles with 89.

The latest match the Cougar linksters played was at Arrowhead Golf Club against Treasure Valley Community



TAKING CAREFUL AIM, a cougar golfer practices on his form at Arrowhead Golf Course. Photo by Buck Jennings

College. The first day, since it was nice weather, both teams played summer rules-play it where it lies. Treasure Valley won the first match with a 296 against the Cougars' 302. Bill Iseri from Treasure Valley was the medalist with a score of 70.

The second day of play didn't prove to be more successful. Treasure Valley improved their score by six strokes from the day before,

shooting a 290, twelve strokes ahead of the Cougars' consistent 302. Dave Stephens also took the medalist honors with a score of 71.

The Cougar linksters recently attended the Region II Tournament in Tumwater, Washington. The field of 10 schools included all the community colleges from Seattle, Tacoma, and the western part of Oregon.

Hilton's heptathlon impresses Wynia

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When asked to describe her team's performance in the Linfield track and field meet last Friday, women's track coach Marilyn Wynia threw diplomacy aside and went with a one word description.

"Weak," she said. "Simply because we didn't have everybody there. It wasn't a scheduled meet so we weren't worried about the team scoring."

More important to Wynia was Sheri Hilton's third place finish in the Region 18 heptathlon April 19 and 20 at Albany's Linn Benton Community College.

Hilton's second runner-up finish qualified her for the National Junior College Athletic Association national meet May 19-21 in San Angelo, Texas.

A school record javelin throw of 155-11½ highlighted Hilton's day in the seven event

meet. Other times and distances for Hilton were a 16.0 time in the 100 meter high hurdles, a 35-9½ shot put, a 4-10 high jump, a 29.0 200, a 16-1¼ long jump and an 800 meter run of 2:48.4.

In Friday's meet, Clackamas' Cyd McCormick enjoyed a good day taking second in the shot put, and first in the javelin with throws of 32-4¼ and 136-5, respectively.

Terri Jo Kelly was third in both the shot and the javelin. Her shot put was a 31-10 heave and her javelin throw was 132-3.

The Cougar women also took first and third in the 400 meter hurdles when Vicki Anderson finished the event in 1:07.6. Denise Wheatly took second runner-up honors with a 1:09.8 finish.

Susie Thompson was the meet's best in the 400 meter run with a 1:00.5 run.

Abshire paces national 5,000

Freshman distance runner Brian Abshire continued his assault on the Cougar record books Saturday in Eugene. Running only his first 5,000 meter race of the season, Abshire shattered Ken Velasquez's mark of 14:29, recording a 14:12.9 clocking.

The time is tops in the National Junior College Athletic Association this year. It is also

the second fastest in the nation by a freshman at any level.

Abshire actually did have the top frosh time in the nation for some three hours until University of Oregon frosh Harold Kuphaldt ran 14:12.3 in their duel meet against California.

Abshire also holds the school record in the 1,500 meters with a 3:51.

Braves can't shake Dangerfield image

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Baseball anyone?

The 1983 major league season is in full swing and it has seemed to pick up where it left off last year. The big story isn't George Brett batting .471 or Mike Schmidt who already has five home runs, but rather those amazing Atlanta Braves.

Who picked the Braves in the pre-season polls? Sports Illustrated? No. Sport magazine? No. The Sporting News? No. Me? You bet! And where are the Braves right now? You've got it, atop the National League Western Division, with a full game over the Dodgers, and sporting the best record in baseball.

Why then didn't any of the big national publications pick the Braves? Respect. Everyone wrote Atlanta's 1982 season off as a fluke, crediting it to their 13-0 start. Then when they dropped 19 of 21 everyone said, "See, I told you they would

fold." But what do they do? They went head to head with Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego over the final week and a half to win the division.

Ted Turner has compiled a perfect blend of quality young players and seasoned veterans, who now have all been through it before. With two of the National League's finest players during the '60s and early '70s, in manager Joe Torre and pitching coach Bob Gibson, you can bet the Braves won't drop 19 of 21 this year.

What can you say about the Braves's one-two punch of Dale Murphy and Bob Horner, the top home run tandem in the National League last season. With the "Captain" on a tear early this year (tied for the league lead in home runs with five) and Murphy among the leaders with 12 RBIs, it's no wonder Atlanta is 12-3.

The Braves also possess the top double play combination in the N.L. in Rafal Ramirez and Glen Hubbard. Ramirez, along with the likes of Claudell

Washington and Brett Butler, have speed to burn on the base paths.

The pitching staff is supposed to be suspect and without an overwhelming lefty. But Rick Camp and Pascual Perez are both posting unblemished 3-0 records. With the veteran nuckleballer Phil Niekro still in the starting rotation and two bullpen aces in Gene Garber and Steve Bedrosian, the once suspect staff doesn't look so bad.

Sorry Tommy (Lasorda), but it might be your turn to drop the big games down the stretch this year. Without "old high pockets" Steve Garvey, as far as I'm concerned the L.A. Dodgers are in a rebuilding year and will not be able to play catch-up if the Braves pull away, and they will during July and August.

Look for the Cal Angels to give the Braves a scare in the World Series. It'll go seven games with Bob Horner delivering the big blow, not Mr. October, Reggie Jackson.

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