

Hot 1500 highlights Clackamas Invite

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With Friday's Clackamas Invitational now history, Assistant Track and Field Coach Kelly Sullivan beamed with satisfaction at his team's dominant performance.

"The score indicates our performance," Sullivan said. Clackamas far outscored its opposition by accruing 214 points, followed by Linfield with 105, Western Oregon with 71, Clark Community with 54, Pacific University with 30 and Portland State with 28.

As a team, the Cougars also broke or tied five school records, set season's bests in 10 events and had three more athletes qualify for the Nationals. Clackamas now has an amazing total of 13 tracksters qualified for the Nationals meet May 19-21 in San Angelo, Texas.

Nowhere in the final results of Friday's meet was the Cougar's dominance better illustrated than in the 1,500 meter run. Clackamas runners

took five of the meet's top six finishing spots.

Brian Abshire was the meet's best with a 3:48.8 run. Abshire's run was also a new school record, his second school standard in as many weeks. He had set a Cougar record in the 5,000 meters with a 14:12.9 clocking last week.

John Hansen and Matt Parker both qualified for the Nationals in the 1,500 with season record runs of 3:51.9 and 3:53.2, respectively. Kevin MacDermott and Jim Edmark were the fourth and sixth best in the meet in the event. Paul Ploquid of the University of Portland was the only non-Cougar to finish in the top six.

"That (the 1,500) was definitely the highlight of the meet for us without a doubt," Sullivan said.

The 5,000 meters, the event in which four Cougar men will participate in the Nationals, was also Cougar-dominated with Tony Macey taking an easy first place with a 14:51 time. Rob Conner finished a distant second to Macey for Clackamas with a time of 15:24.

In other long-distance competition, Ken Velasquez set a school standard in the two-mile run with a 9:02.3 time, good for second in the meet. Mike Priess of Linfield was the meet's best with a time of 9:01.3.

If Sullivan had one gripe about his team, it was that the field event people didn't perform up to the standards of their teammates.

"It was a fine effort overall," he said, "but our field event people didn't do as well as we had expected."

Field men Larry Cummings, Roger Barnhurst, and Scott Ames may have an argument for Sullivan. All three men took first place in their respective events.

Cummings, who Sullivan gives an "outside shot" and qualifying for the Nationals, took first in the long jump with a jump of 22-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, and the triple jump with a jump of 44-5 $\frac{1}{2}$.



COUGAR QUALIFIERS--Brian Abshire, the National leader in the 5,000 and 1,500 pulled teammates Matt Parker and John Hansen to better the National standard;

Clackamas runners pictured left to right are: Kevin MacDermott, Matt Parker, John Hansen, Jeff Franklin and Brian Abshire.

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Larry Cummings

Cameron Brennan of Clackamas was second in the 100 at 10.7.

Another school record was tied Friday by sprinter Jeff Tressler. Tressler finished his 400 meter run in 48.3 to take first in the meet and a place in the College track record books.

Matt Parker didn't break any school records with his 1:55 800 meters, but he did earn first in the meet with the season's best run.

The Cougars enjoyed a good day in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, taking three of the top four finishing spots.

Jon Elston tied the school standard in that event with a 54.0 run. Mike Dingman finished third with a run of 57.2. Scott Anderson was fourth at 57.4.

The men's relay teams also enjoyed a very successful day, taking first in both the 400 and 1600 meter relays.

The 400 meter team of Elston, Tressler, Dan Dugan and Coleman finished in

3:18.5, a season's best.

Greg O'Shea of Clackamas tied for second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.5.

Pendleton's Blue Mountain Community College will be the site of the men's next competition this Friday and Saturday at the Region 18 meet. Twenty-five Clackamas tracksters are expected to compete. Sullivan is optimistic, but subdued about his team's chances.

"This is the best team we've ever had and we may place third in the region," he said. "The competition this year is just awesome."

Regionals will be the last chance for some Cougar athletes to qualify for the Nationals this season. Besides the 13 already qualified, Sullivan gives four others a chance to go.

Mark Stevens in the javelin, Larry Cummings in the long jump, Jon Elston in the 400 meter run and Jim Edmark in the steeplechase could all realistically make the Nationals grade, Sullivan thinks.

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