

Lane wins Region, but Cougs off to Texas

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For the National Junior College Athletic Association National track and field meet May 19-21 in San Angelo, Texas, the athletes and the coaches of the College men's team are confident.

One look at the men's seasonal statistics might cause one to ask: "who wouldn't be?"

The National-bound squad consists of 11 men in seven different events, giving the team an excellent chance just by its numbers.

The team, Assistant Coach Kelly Sullivan explained, has much more than numbers going for it.

"For the first time," Sullivan said, "we have 11 athletes who all have a legitimate chance of placing high. The chances of everyone placing are slim, but everyone has a chance."

Sullivan declined to comment on who he felt stood the best chance of placing individually for Clackamas, but probably confident about javelin thrower Roger Barnhurst.

Barnhurst, the two-time Region 18 cham-

pion in his event, has led the nation in the javelin for most of the year and must be considered a favorite in the meet.

Qualifying for the Nationals for the first time this year was the 1600 meter relay team of Les Taylor, Ivan Coleman, Dan Dugan and Jeff Tressler.

The quartet grabbed a spot in dramatic fashion, taking a spectacular first place in the Region 18 meet last Saturday in Pendleton.

Their time of 3:13.6 not only qualified them for Nationals, but was also a new school record and a new Region 18 standard.

The 1600 meter relay, Sullivan said, was the highlight for the men's team in the Region 18 meet last Friday and Saturday. As a team, the Cougars took second in the meet behind Lane Mountain Community College of Eugene. Lane scored 166 meet points to the Cougar's 135.

Placing third in the meet was 1982 Region 18 champion Rick's Junior College (Idaho) followed by Mt. Hood, Linn-Benton, Southwestern Oregon Community College, South Idaho, Chemeketa, and meet host Blue

Mountain Community College.

Sullivan was relatively happy about his team's performance.

"We were expected to place third, so I think we did well," he said. "We might have done better except for a few bad breaks. It was really good to beat Rick's."

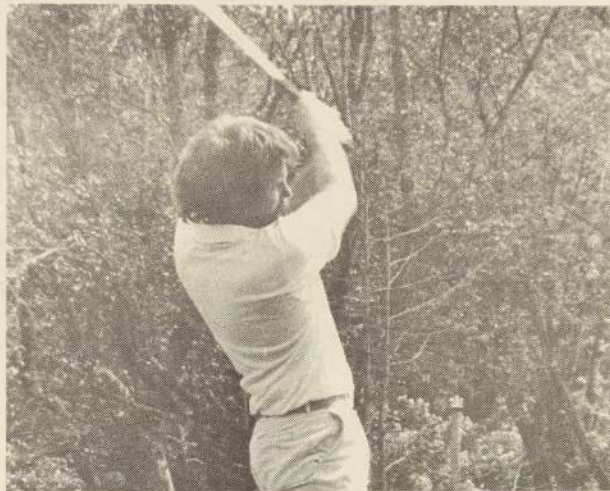
Second on Sullivan's outstanding performer list was distance man Brian Abshire. Abshire was the meet's best in both the 1500 and 5,000 meter runs.

Ken Velasquez picked up a blue ribbon with a 30:30.9 10,000 meter run. Les Taylor also reset a school record in the 200, with a 21.3 clocking.

Barnhurst was first in the javelin with a toss of 234-6.

Coming off the school's highest-ever finish in regionals, the team now has two weeks to prepare for the national meet. Sullivan was not shy about his confidence in the team's chances.

"We should finish in the top ten," he said. "Our goal is to place in the top five and bring home a trophy."



FORRRRE! After a disappointing Regional tournament, the Cougar golf team saved face with a big victory in Tacoma.

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Revenge dealt to Clark, Tacoma

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Battling Lady Luck and Mother Nature throughout the season has taken its toll on the Cougar golf team's record, as they lost the Region II Tournament and the Columbia Basin College Invitational, but they did win a triangular match at Tacoma's Oak Brook Golf Club.

Lady Luck was not kind to the Cougar linksters at the Region II Tournament in Tacoma, as they took fifth in the contest. Schools in the tournament included winner Clark College, second place Mt. Hood Community College, Tacoma Community College

placing third, Bellevue Community College at fourth and the Cougars bringing up the rear with their fifth place finish.

Coach Jim Hudson commented, "We didn't play their fifth place finish."

Coach Jim Hudson commented, "We didn't play too well that day. The team had a hard time getting the ball up and down fast enough."

The next day in Tacoma proved to be quite a bit more successful for the Cougars, beating Tacoma Community College and Clark College in a triangular match at Oak Brook Golf Club.

"We played much better on the second day than we did at the Region II Tournament," Hudson said. "The team played excellent golf at the triangular match."

Coming off a win, the Cougar golf team was looking for another victory when they traveled to Pasco, Washington

for the Columbia Basic College Invitational. Unfortunately, Lady Luck and Mother Nature were not about to let this happen, as high winds took golf balls to unimaginable places on the course and sent scores soaring, dealing the Cougars another loss. "We didn't play very well at Pasco," Hudson said. "There were high winds and it's tough to play against the wind."

Hudson said, "The team as a whole needs to work on their short game. The approach shots and bad putting is what's hurting us most. Earlier in the year the greens were holding, but now they're harder and they're not holding, so the team needs to judge the slope of the greens more carefully. They're just not thinking golf the way they should."

The Cougar linksters spent Monday and Tuesday in Longview.

Mary Imper places third in tourney

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The 1983 women's tennis team, under the direction of Coach Nancy Mikleton, netted themselves an above average season, dropping the Region 18 Women's Tennis Tournament to Mt. Hood Community College.

The "Big Event" for the Lady netters and marking the end to another season was the Region 18 Women's Tennis Tournament, held on the Cougars' home courts.

Four schools participated in the tournament, including Mt. Hood Community College, Treasure Valley Community College and Blue Mountain Community College. In the tourney, four of the top singles and the two top doubles teams from each school played in the contest. Mt. Hood won the tournament with Blue Mountain taking second, Treasure Valley placing third and Clackamas in fourth.

The Cougars' top singles player, Mary Imper, placed third in the tournament. "I thought Mary played an excellent tournament," said Coach Nancy Mikleton. "She played very well and came from behind to win."

Although no one from the women's tennis team qualified for nationals, Mary Imper was selected as All Region 18, which means she is one of the top six women tennis players in the Northwest.

Carla Ziegenbein was also quite impressive in the tournament, playing second seed, singles and number one seed, doubles team. Mikleton commented in Ziegenbein's performance by saying, "She has really improved this year. I think she'll be a really tough player for us next year."

Mary Imper and Carla Ziegenbein were a winning combination that was hard to beat as Mikleton's number one

doubles team. The number two doubles team consisted of Sheryl Dischner and Dana Buttolph, and the number three doubles team was Darla Reed and Shelly Horne. "My number three doubles team did really well at the end of the season and only lost two games," Mikleton said.

The singles team consisted of number one seeded Mary Imper, number two seeded Carla Ziegenbein, number three seeded Sheryl Dischner, number four seeded Darla Reed, number five seeded Teresa Harp, and number six seeded Shelly Horne. The two alternates were Sue Rogers and Wendy Sanman.

Coach Mikleton reflected on this season, saying, "It was a building season for us. The competition was tough, but we did well against the Community Colleges. I saw a lot of improvements in all the players this year, and if most of the kids come back next year, we'll have a good team," she said.



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