

# sports

## Abshire places third in Nation

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Relying on their distance strength, the men's track team placed ninth, scoring but 24 points, in the National Junior College track and field meet in San Angelo, Texas.

Freshman Brian Abshire, who going into the meet, had posted the nation's fastest junior college 5,000, ran 14:25 for third, well off his seasons best of 14:13. After winning the regional 1,500 and 5,000 Abshire elected to just run the twelve lapper at the National

meet.

Sophomore Ken Velasquez, who was eighth last year, placed fifth with a clocking of 14:29, equaling his personal record. The winning time was 14:21. Prelims were held two days before. Abshire and Velasquez were required to finish in the top six of either of the two heats in order to go on to finals.

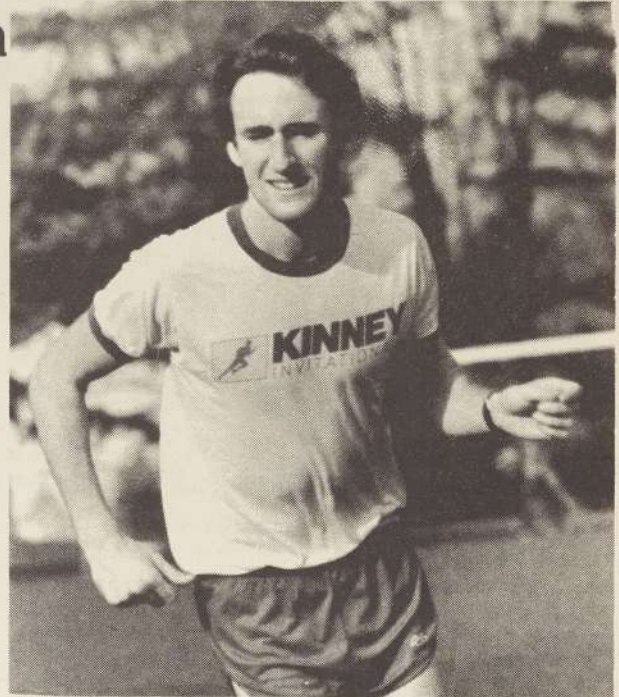
Clackamas was represented well in the 1,500 by a couple of freshmen, Matt Parker and John Hansen. Parker took fifth in 3:52 and

Hansen was eighth in 3:54. Both runners were pushed hard in prelims as they had to run approximately 3:53 to make the finals.

An event in which the Cougars figured to score big points was the steeple chase. Sophomores Steve Gogl and Tony Macey had bests of 8:57 and 9:07, but could manage only 9:20 and 9:25 for sixth and eighth, respectively. "The field went out kind of fast," Gogl said. "We were 2:11 at the half."

The 1,600 relay team of Jeff Tressler, Dan Dugan, Les Taylor, and Ivan Coleman did about as well as could be hoped as they clocked a seasons best of 3:13. The quartet placed seventh.

Javelin thrower Roger Barnhurst, who had the top toss in the nation going in, was injured in preliminaries and failed to make it to the finals.



Brian Abshire

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## 2-3-5 finish in javelin good for 9th

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The women's track team, competing with but three athletes placed ninth in the National meet, held in San Angelo, Texas, earlier this week.

Sheri Hilton placed second, Sue Frank was third and Terri Kelly was fifth. Remarkably, none of the Cougar women there had personal bests.

Though all three Clackamas competitors were well off the winning toss of 160 feet, Hilton threw 151', Frank 145' and Kelly 137'.

It is no secret that Hilton has been the workhorse of the team all year. It paid off as she placed fourth in the Heptathalon.

"After the first day, I figured she could be in the top three," Coach Marilyn Wynia said. The first day saw Hilton record 28.0 in the 200, 15.9 in the 100 high hurdles, 5-1 in the high jump, and 37-8 in the shot put.

Although she won the javelin on the second day, setting a heptathalon record of 135-4, she was well off her best mark.

"Competing the day before probably effected her competitiveness a little bit. She had to do a lot of things in two days," Wynia said. On the second day she also clocked



Sheri Hilton

2:51.9 in the 800 and leapt 17-1/4 in the long jump.

Hilton totalled 4,685 to national champ Erin Dougherty's 5,094.

The Clackamas women scored 18 of their 23 points in the javelin. "I'm a little disappointed in their distances, but I'm excited they came back all-Americans. All of them," Wynia commented.

"They made the finals, which can be tough in the javelin. Tough in any event actually," Wynia added.

Team scores for the competition were:

East Oklahoma 94, Mesa 82, Rick's 52, Barton City 44, Southern Idaho 36, Parkland 30, Ranger 28, North East Oklahoma 24, Clackamas 23, Macomb 23 and Phoenix 21.

## Errors prove costly, Cougs eliminated

By Buck Jennings  
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The 1983 Cougar baseball team wrapped up their season last week with a first round loss against Treasure Valley, a second round win against Northern Idaho and a third round loss to Treasure Valley in the Yakima Tournament, thus eliminating the Cougs from Regionals and bringing their record to 14-17.

The three other teams competing in the double elimination Yakima Tournament were Coeur d'Alene, Northern Idaho, and Treasure Valley.

In their first game against Treasure Valley, the Cougars enjoyed a lead early in the game, but just couldn't hold on as they lost 9-2. Treasure Valley then played Northern Idaho in its second game and had no problems dealing them a first-round loss.

With their backs up against the wall in a must-win situation to stay alive in the tournament, the Cougars played their second game against Northern Idaho. The Cougars had a tough time, but they won the contest, beating Northern Idaho 2-1.

Eric Bauer helped the

Cougars out with his superb pitching. "Bauer played very well against Northern Idaho," Coach Gene Petersen said. "He allowed only two hits in that game."

Now with a 1-1 record in the tournament, the Cougars were down to the final game which would decide who would go to Regionals. Their opponent once again was Treasure Valley.

Jumping ahead in the first few innings it looked like the Cougars had it all wrapped up, but then four costly errors gave Treasure Valley the opportunity to take over. They took advantage of the situation and beat the Cougars 12-6, thus eliminating them from Regionals.

Coach Petersen commented, "We were ahead in both games we lost. We just couldn't hold on. We also didn't play too well defensively in the last game against Treasure Valley. We allowed four errors, which is a lot for us."

All in all Petersen thinks his team had a pretty good year. "Overall, we played very well this season," Petersen said. "We were very strong defensively and I was pleased

with the performance of all the players."

One exceptional player this past season was pitcher Eric Bauer. In the 50 innings Bauer pitched he had 50 strikeouts, 21 bases on balls and allowed only ten earned runs. He also had an earned run average of 1.80. Petersen said, "Bauer did an exceptional job for us this year and as a result of his efforts made first team pitcher in Regionals." In addition to that, Bauer has the chance to receive national recognition, as he is eligible for All-American honors.

This year's roster consisted of: pitchers-Eric Bauer, Ron Bell, Jim Altringer, Don Cannady, Mark Gorr, Jeff Henry, Jeff Scheer, and Rick Tonole; the catchers were Mike Martinson and Bret Martin; first basemen included Eric Bauer, Ken Stoffer, and Chris Ramsdell. At second base was Tim Gardener and Tony Mueller; third base was played by Kelly Burke and Ken Hopper covered short-stop. Outfielders included Tony Mueller in left field; Clay Baggerly, Chris Ramsdell, and Scott Thorpe shared center field duties; and John Roth protected right field.

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