

Sophomores power strong harrier squad

By Doug Vaughan
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When the Clackamas Cross country team finished second to only one at nationals last year Coach Kelly Sullivan was in no predicament to promise a stronger team in 1983. Sullivan is still cautious to predict it, but he is not willing to admit that they are weaker.

"It is too early to tell. After the next few weeks I'll know more," Sullivan said. "There is only one place higher we can go and to say that would be a lot. After our first race, though, it is a possibility."

That is not just Sullivan talking either as the Cougars trounced an 11-team field at the Pier Park Invitational (University of Portland) in their first meet.

What Sullivan was so optimistic about after the meet was that three of his runners had topped the best Cougar time on the same trail from last year. Brian Abshire, Matt Parker and Rob Conner all broke the 24-minute mark



Matt Parker

placing third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Abshire is considered by Sullivan to be his premier runner this year. He is returning with two school records and had the second fastest time in the 5000 meter of any freshman (including all four-year schools) in the nation.

Much to his delight,

Sullivan's squad was strengthened by Parker and Conner, both redshirts from a year ago. Also, in the top ten placers for the Cougars was John Hansen, who placed 33rd in nationals last year, placing eighth.

Besides for being impressed, with his first four runners, Sullivan also commended his

fifth and sixth runners Jim Edmark and Jeff Franklin, respectively.

One thing that makes the Cougars unique is their consistency in knocking off the four-year schools. The Pier Park Invite victory was the second straight year that the Cougars have dominated the four-year school field. Sullivan feels that the Cougars have built a tradition that people are aware of and are no longer "just another school."

With a dozen freshmen on a team Sullivan's recruiting has become easier since the consistent success of Clackamas. What does Clackamas offer to a distant runner?

"First of all, we offer national exposure which they would not get at a four-year school. We are successful and have won regionals the past three years," Sullivan said. "We also have a good program and kids, and I think that speaks for itself."

The Cougars also entered a special track club team in the Pier Park Invitational that

placed eighth. The team is made up from a nucleus of runners who are preparing for the track season, Sullivan said.

In the Cougar's most recent action, Sullivan watched his team continue to improve as they traveled to Fort Casey, Wash. for an invitational.

The Cougs fell short of the championship, but their performance was excellent as they placed second to last year's NAIA champs, Simon Fraser of Canada. The Cougars were the top junior college team with 81 points, six short of the title.

Abshire once again paced Clackamas shattering the previous school record in the 10,000 kilometers with 29:50 second place showing in the 257 runner field.

Parker, Conner and Hansen all moved up in the school's top ten for that distance now settling in on third, fifth and eighth best, respectively.

The next competition for Clackamas will be this weekend at the Willamette Invitational at Bush Park.



Enos shuts out Oregon State 2-0, soccer team ups record to 4-1

By Rob Conner
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The Men's soccer team upped their season's record to 4-1 with a 2-0 victory over Oregon State here on Saturday. OSU dropped to 0-2-1 on the season.

Jim Keough's penalty kick 10 minutes into the game proved to be the game winner as goaltender Steve Enos was credited with the shut out. The two teams battled for the better part of the second half until Tim Canfield converted a header off a corner kick from Brian Gorsek.

Goalie Steve Enos credited the Cougar defense, as they held OSU to just two shots on goal.

"This year we are playing for goals, not looks," Head Coach Janos Szanto stated. "We have a good bunch of people, everybody wants to win."



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