

Pier Park site of showdown with Lane C.C.

By Doug Vaughan
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As the Clackamas Community College men's cross country team winds up a productive year, it is now time for them to bear down as they head toward post season tournaments.

The most important is Regionals at Twin Falls, Idaho, Nov. 5. A Regional championship would then give the Cougars a shot at the national title the following weekend in Hutchinson, Kan.

More importantly, the Cougars have one remaining regular season meet, the Pier Park Invitational hosted by the University of Portland.

Earlier in the year, the Cougs paced the same invitational, but this one (Oct. 22) has a different field. Competition for the Cougars include the host team, Lane Community College, Eastern Oregon and Timberhill Track



BRIAN ABSHIRE LOOSENS up before workout. Abshire is the Cougars top cross country runner. Photo by Russ McMillen

Club (a statewide track club).

"It is important to us because it will determine our top seven runners," Coach Kelly Sullivan said. The importance of determining the

top seven runners is because Sullivan needs to pick his top placers for the Regional meet.

So far, Brian Abshire and Matt Parker are the only two that have their positions set as

one and two, respectively. Sophomore Rob Conner currently is third runner, but Sullivan would like for him to cut the gap between him and Parker.

"We only have three runners that I can say for sure will be in the top seven, and then there are about seven more that are competing for the spots," the coach said.

Even though Sullivan can only choose seven runners to score, ten runners will participate in the regional meet. That way the ten runners will all be eligible to partake in the national meet.

Going into the post season action, the Cougars are holding tight to a number two rank nationally. Their toughest competition in Regionals, Rick's College

(Rexburg, Idaho), is ranked fifth nationally.

"We know what we have to do," Sullivan said. "We are going to have to travel and we will be running at a higher altitude than normal."

"Rick's is a couple of hours from Twin Falls and they have run the course a couple of times, so they will have a few advantages," Sullivan said.

So the stage is set—Clackamas versus Rick's. The winner will advance to Nationals as a team, the losers will only be represented by their runners who finished in the top seven at Regionals.

"I'd like to close the gap in a couple of our spots," Sullivan said. "Rick's will be tough, but we know what we have to do."

On the run

Seahawks for real in '83

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The National Football League season is approaching the mid season point, which deserves some editorial comment, don't you think?

The talk of the league is obviously those amazing Seahawks from Seattle. What a job Chuck Knox has done reviving the franchise. The Hawks are 4-3 and by all means should be 5-2 if they hadn't given San Diego 28 unanswered points two weeks ago.

Seattle's schedule, which is the toughest in the NFL, has shown no mercy on Knox's squad.

When the Hawks win the American League's Western division anti-Seahawk clan members won't have any ground to stand on. The Seahawks are for real.

Jim Zorn isn't leading the league in passing, but do you notice that nobody is screaming for Zorn's head and demanding the installation of the kid from tiny Milton College, Dave Kreig.

Zorn is still recovering from the beating he has taken in the previous season. He just doesn't realize he has some time to set up in the pocket. Once in a while Zorn panics when things get a little hairy, but by the time the playoffs

roll around Zorn will be on top of his game.

What a difference one player can make. Curt Warner, in my opinion, is a touch overrated (being compared to O.J. Simpson and Gale Sayers) but he is head and shoulders above anyone the Seahawks have ever had. Warner does possess some speed, can cut back, break a tackle, catch the ball, plunge in from the one, pick up four yards per carry and pull off the big play. More than that, he's just like all of the other Seattle running backs.

I think the people in Seattle that are comparing Warner to the great backs of all time are just not familiar with seeing any kind of quality whatsoever in the franchise's eight year history. Curt Warner looks like God compared to Don Testeman and Rob Scribner.

I was extremely disappointed to read the headlines Monday morning to see that the Seahawk the Raiders gave the Seahawks the win. A win is a win.

The Seattle defense forced the turnover, like they have all year. This is what the defense must do to be a winner. All the great teams have the opportunistic defenses.

Well, the Hawks are for real. Chuck Knox's record speaks for itself, he can build a winner and fast. Another team that was supposed to be in a rebuilding year that picked up

an outstanding rookie running back was the Los Angeles Rams.

Ever since 1976 I have dreamed of a Seattle-Los Angeles Super Bowl and this year it looks like I will get it. Do you think it is too early for such a prediction? Well, maybe. But just remember you heard it first here folks, from the man who successfully predicted the 1983 Major League Baseball championship Series.

Just a few comments on the World Series since I have room. Boring. Oh brother, who is writing the script for these things now anyway? I frankly found them (the five games) hard to watch, when I even found time to turn it on.

I did watch the most of one game, it was the one with no excitement. Which one you might say? I don't know, I think the score was something like 3-1 or something. They ought to play it over. That would possibly be kind of interesting.

I must agree with Kenny Eggers' story in the Oregonian (Tues. Oct. 18, 1983, page D5) entitled "Reagan's call took the spotlight off Orioles."

Come on, it is getting old, actually ridiculous. The guy call everybody, maybe he will call me next, to congratulate me on this article. Who Knows?

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