

# Sports

## Abshire, Al Taylor pace cindermen

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Clackamas Community College's men's track team showed the big daddies of track and field just how tough they are in a select invitational at Oregon State University last weekend.

Competing against the host school, two track clubs from the Northwest, a Korean national team and several unattached tracksters, the Cougars gave several outstanding performances.

Topping Assistant Coach Kelly Sullivan's list was Brian Abshire's performance in the 1500 meters. Abshire's time and teammate Matt Parker's time were at the bottom of the pack, but the Clackamas distance ace was barely edged out for second place with a 3:47.78 time. Parker placed sixth with a personal best time of 3:49.6.

Yul Provancha missed the school record in the 800 meters as he placed fifth in a field of world class runners with a 1:51.3 clocking.

In the open 1500, the Cougars were well represented by a third, sixth and eighth finish from Rob Durkee, Rob Conner and Jeff Franklin. In the sprints, Les Taylor placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.0. The Cougars' 400 relay squad placed second.

"It was really warm so we got a lot of good times out of the team. Also, competing at this high of level is good for us," Sullivan said.

After a four-year absence from competition Al Taylor cleared 6'-8" in the high jump. In this, only his second meet of the season, Taylor missed national qualifying by one inch.

Sullivan also sent a group of tracksters to another open invitational at Linfield College, where several Oregon state colleges battled it out.

In the 800, Rob Roley crossed the tape second with a 1:56.1 time for Clackamas. In the same event, Scott Issaac ran a personal best of two minutes, good enough to earn him fourth place. In the 5000, Bill Bailey represented the Cougs with a second place finish, in a personal best of 15:48.

Ahead for Sullivan's team is a very prestigious invitational at the University of Washington. Nine Cougars have been invited to the meet, and Sullivan is looking forward to it with dignity.

"This is probably the number-one track event in the Northwest. We are going to have nine guys going, so we will have one of the larger teams there. We are really pleased with that."

The meet will take place Friday and Saturday, and features the best from around the country.

"It is a fortunate opportunity for these guys. They are going to be competing against the premier runners in the nation. But they wouldn't have been invited if they weren't of this caliber," Sullivan said.

## Track sponsors dance for funds

The men's track team, in a fund raising effort to cover the expenses of travel to the national track meet, will sponsor a dance to be held this Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight

in the school's community center.

All of Clackamas County is invited. There is a \$3.00 cover charge.



IN THE CAGE—Mike Hastings serves up fastball to Tim Gardner in batting cage. The Cougars host Lewis and Clark this afternoon at 3:30. Photo by Joel Miller

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