

Athletes prepare for spring sports season

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Spring is in the air and the spring sports teams at Clackamas Community College are preparing for a busy season. Included in the spring sports program at Clackamas is baseball, golf, mens and womens track, as well as mens and womens tennis. The athletes involved with these sports have been practicing diligently in preparation for the upcoming competition.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The womens tennis team begins the 1985 season with four returning racketeers from last years team along with third-year-coach Nancy Mikleton. The four veterans include Edie Bauer, Laura Novak, Jackie Stafford, and Les Kingsbury.

Bauer was the number two player for the team last year and will hold the number one spot on the team this season. Novak and Stafford held the number three and four positions last year while Kingsbury played at the number six spot.



ANJANETTE ROBBINS

In addition to the four Cougar veterans, there are three newcomers to the Clackamas team. Kirsten Osborne is a sophomore transfer student from Mt. Hood Community College. Anjanette Robbins is a freshman from LaSalle High School, and Chris Megany, who is originally from Belgium, completes the Cougar lineup.

The Cougars are competing this year in a league which includes Clark, Lower Columbia, Tacoma, and Green River Community Colleges. They will also be going up against such schools as Linfield, Western Oregon State College, Willamette University, Lewis and Clark, and Portland State University. In addition, the Cougars will be spending a week playing several matches in California to start off the season.

TRACK

The 1985 track team, under the direction of head coach Buck Monroe, seems to be in the process of a rebuilding year as only one athlete, Jim Hogue, returns from last years team.

Hogue is a long distance runner who also competes in cross country during the fall sports season. Also from the fall cross country team are Rob Durkee, Mark Allen and Jeff Darling, who will be running the long distance races for the Cougar track team.

Also competing for the Cougars will be Tony Aldridge. Aldridge returns to the team after a two year break from track and field at Clackamas. Coach Monroe describes Aldridge as, "A hell of an athlete," in the events of Javelin and the hammer throw.

Monroe also looks for some good performances from freshman Chris Orblum. Orblum, from Clackamas High School, will be participating in the long jump, triple jump and the 100 meter dash. In addition, Monroe is looking for some good finishes from the long distance runners.

Remaining athletes on this years track team include Pat Tombleson, Greg Schwartz, Troy Rutledge, Jim Bradshaw, Jim Zauner, Jeff Johnson and Robert Young.

BASEBALL

"This year the league is gonna be tough, but we are looking forward to good things from this group. They are very talented players," Coach Paul Roeder said in regards to this year's baseball team.

The team, which started practicing in February, will play their first game against Yakima Valley Community College on March 23 and 24 in Yakima, Wash.

The group just recently had a 24-inning scrimmage against Lewis and Clark College. "We ended up 10-5 in their favor, but then again they are a four-year school and they have a very good ball club," Roeder said.



MICKEY EBERHARDT

Assisting Roeder in coaching will be George Matile. Matile owns the Oregon City Sporting Goods Store and will be with the team three days a week.

This year's team consists of 21 players, with nine sophomores and 12 freshmen. Sophomore players include Kevin Baker, Mickey Eberhardt, Tom Ellis, Rich Evans, Ron Gross, Mike Hastings, Joe Johnson, Darrell Pizer and Jim Ritacco.

Freshmen players include David Anderson, Brock Birch, Doug Clancy, Dan Eberhardt,

Ted Hickey, Rod Jackson, Tim Krupicka, Mark Kuhnhausen, Craig Norris, Barry Smith, Dean Thorpe and Ken VanLieu.

Gross, who plays catcher on the team is enthusiastic about this year. "We have a lot of talent and depth in the team and we are in good shape. We would like to go outside but it is still a little cold," he said.

MEN'S TENNIS

The mens tennis team is coached this year by Kathie Woods. Woods previously coached tennis at Linn-Benton for two years. So far, the team consists of six members which is the minimum number needed.

The mens tennis team is not competing in a league this year due to the league changes of the previous year and the lack of mens tennis teams in the area.

During the season the Cougars will go up against schools such as; Skagit Valley, Green River, Western Oregon State College, Blue Mountain Community College, Linfield College, Portland State University, and Multnomah School of the Bible.

The Cougar's number one player will be Renato Iwersen as soon as it is determined if he is eligible to play. Iwersen is from Brazil and, according to Coach Woods, has a lot of experience playing tennis.

Vieing for the number two position is Mike Miller who previously played under the direction of Coach Woods at Linn-Benton. Mike Booth will be playing at the number three position for the Cougars. Rounding out the Cougar team is Matt Smith, Steve Lewis, and Tim Marshall.

Coach Woods pointed out that there are no returnees from last years mens tennis team. She attributes this to the league changes which have occurred recently at the Community College Level.

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