

Sports

Tracksters fair well despite sparse turn-out

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The Clackamas Community College men's track team, although small in size, has been turning out some big individual finishes in the meets. Coach Alan Knoop said, "Individual-wise we're doing really good but team placing is not all that well," due to the small team size of approximately 12 athletes.

Eight members of the Cougar track team have already qualified for the Region IV conference championships to be held in Roseburg May 10-11. Top finishers of that meet will ad-

vance to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championship meet in Spokane, Wash. on May 17-18. The NWAACC Championship meet features the top runners from community colleges in Oregon and Washington.

One Cougar athlete looking forward to the upcoming championship meets is freshman Chris Orblum. Orblum competes in the 100 meters, long jump and triple jump events.

"The long jump has been going real good," Orblum said. His best jump so far this

season of 23-2 is only 2 inches away from the College record. "I'm looking for 24 feet (long jump) at the conference meet," Orblum said, adding, "I think I can win the long jump at the conference meet and hopefully I can break the school record."

Orblum has also recorded a time of 10.9 seconds in the 100-meter dash this season. "I think I can be a surprise in the 100 meters," Orblum said of the upcoming meets. In the triple jump he has a best distance of 45-7.

As a team, Orblum explained, "What we have is very good. Everyone we have places first or second in the meets." The small turnout for track this year has kept the Cougars from placing well as a team, however.

Cougar long-distance man Mark Allen, who placed second at the cross country NWAACC Championships last fall, has qualified in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races. Allen has recorded a best time of 15 minutes, 33 seconds in the 5,000 and 32:10 in the 10,000.

Formerly members of the fall cross country team, Jim Hogue and Rob Durkee have qualified for the regionals in the middle and long distances. In the 1,500 meter and 5,000 meter races, Hogue has chalk-



CONCENTRATING ON RUNNING, middle-distance runner Rob Durkee practices his stride for upcoming meets.

Photo by Jeff Meek

ed up season best times of 4:07 and 15:33. Durkee has qualified in both the 800 meters and the 1,500 meter races with times of 1:52.6 and 3:54.

"I'm concentrating mainly on the 1,500," Durkee said, adding, "I'd like to win both. I have a good chance." As for the NWAACC champion-

ships, Durkee explained, "I'll pick the one I feel best at."

In other meets this season, the Cougar tracksters will compete in the University of Oregon relays on May 3-4. Many of the big, four-year colleges and universities in the state will also be attending the meet which means tough competition for the Cougars.



HURLING THE DISCUS, the field event specialists of the Cougar track team practice their events in the gym during the rainy weather.

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