

Golf team loses momentum for season finale

By Fritz Wenzel
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The men's golf team lost all the momentum it had gradually built up throughout the season in the last four days, and lost out on all the honors at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Golf Championships.

The cougars finished the tourney in fifth place out of six teams from the region. The

winner of the tournament was Columbia Basin College from Pasco, Wash., who shot a 36-hole total of 613. A distant 11 shots back at 624 was Division 2 champions Clark College of Vancouver. Bellevue was third at a weak 652, Green River shot 664, and Clackamas shot 665.

The team fell apart while they played a match against Lower Columbia Community College last Friday, in which they shot a season-high 320 for

18 holes. They consequently lost the match against Lower Columbia by a mere two shots. This mystified Coach Hudson, because just three days earlier, on the same course, the Cougar stickers posted a solid 301.

"The team said that the greens were giving them trouble, but they played the same greens just three days earlier with no trouble at all," Hudson said. "I think they just had trouble with their concentration for a while."

Hudson said the team had made very steady progress throughout the entire season and was looking good for the NWAACC Championships, but things degenerated at just the wrong time.

"A while back when we beat league-leading Clark Community at Tokatee Golf Club just outside of Eugene, I thought we might do okay at the Championship and then when we posted that 301 at Mint Valley in Longview," Coach Hudson said.

"I thought we had a pretty good chance to do well. The team was coming along at just the right pace," he said, adding that 301, which works out to an average of just over 75, was a good score for the Cougars. "It came less than a week before the tournament, and the team was encouraged. Then, on Friday, the wheels fell off," Hudson said.

At the tournament, held at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, the Clackamas stickers started out rough by missing many greens in regulation, which forced them to hit



SCOTT GRADY HITS the driving range in a practice before the NWAACC Championships held last weekend.

good chip shots.

"When you put so much pressure on the chip shot, your whole game feels the pressure," Hudson said. Not one cougar was able to break 40 on his first of four nine-hole efforts. Things went from bad to worse, to the point where one Cougar hit only three out of 18 greens in his afternoon round.

Overall, the Clackamas team finished second to Clark College in Division 2 play, with a 4 wins-2 loss record. Their losses came at the hands of Clark and Lower Columbia, while they handed Clark their lone loss of the season.

Individual averages for the team hovered between 75 and 80 for 18 holes, with Ken Allen the team medalist at 75.5. Steve Vaughn was second at 76, Jerry Olson had a 79.5 average, and Tom Bolt an even 80.

Hudson said that Bolt would have had a much lower average, except that he scored a disastrous 93 at the home Arrowhead Golf Club Course in Mollala in a match against Treasure Valley Community College. He hit three balls out of bounds, including three that he put into the Mollala River off the 16th tee. He took a 10 on the short par-four hole.

Three compete in NWAACC Champs

By Rodney Fobert

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To end the 1985 Track season, three members of the Clackamas Community College track team posted a 10th place team score out of 14 teams competing in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships meet. The season finale event was held in Spokane, Wash. on May 17-18. Searing temperatures and wind gusts made condi-

tions less than favorable for the top tracksters of Oregon and Washington.

Five members of the men's team had originally qualified for the NWAACC meet, but injuries forced two athletes to miss the championships. Jim Hogue qualified to run the 5,000 meters, but was unable to compete due to a pulled muscle in his leg. Jeff McLaughlin qualified in the 100 meters, but he also was

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WITH BLAZING SPEED, Rob Durkee is off and running. Durkee placed third in the 1500 at the NWAACC Championships. Photo by Joel Miller

All-Comers tennis tournament

Students, faculty, and the community are invited to participate in a doubles tennis tournament at the College May 30, 31, and June 1.

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