

Sports

Newton re-enters Cougar lineup

by Christopher Curran
Sports Editor

Basketball has been in Terry Newton's life since he was in the fourth grade and he's been playing competitively since seventh grade.

"My classmates were always involved (in basketball)," said the six foot two inch guard for the Clackamas men's team, Newton. Although Newton started and averaged 12 points per game two years ago, he took last year off to "straighten up and get my act together."

"There's something that gets inside me when it comes to basketball," said Newton, "It's something that just drives me."

Newton, who went to Sunset High School, says Sunset coach Ken Harris has "directed me in every thing I've done."

In high school, Newton played four years and started three of them. As a senior he averaged 18 points and six rebounds a game at this wing position. He was voted the team's most valuable player that year.

Newton feels "really good" about the season for Clackamas

and said that they'll be in the top two in the league. They may have a slow start on that season because their top post, Russell Livingston, is ineligible the first five games.

Off the court Newton enjoys journalism, watching football, and college basketball. He works for assistant coach Paul



Terry Newton

Fiskum. He's majoring in communications.

"I like watching college ball, but not the pros," Newton said. "Every once in a while I'll wander into a women's game."

Dedication and hard work should make for a good year from Newton and the men's team.

"Now that I have taken a year off I've come back harder than ever," said Newton, "I really feel like playing again."



FUTURE MARATHON RUNNERS - Carol Evans, from the ABIEGED Dept., and Molly Williams, an ESL instructor, lead a group of trotters in last Wednesday's Turkey Trot.

Teams have successful seasons

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Men capture Oregon title

"Outstanding" is how Coach Mike Hodges describes the season for the men's cross country team.

The team ended the season with an 11-1 dual meet record. The men also won the Oregon state title and came home with second place at the Northwest championships in Everett, Washington on Nov. 14.

Their only loss came to Highline Community College from Seattle, who later in the season they defeated.

The team took first place at the Fort Casey Invitational and also when they hosted the Clackamas Invitational on Oct. 18. They took second place at both the Mt. Hood and Highline Invitationals.

Top runner for the men was Mike Smith, who only lost three

times all season. He was voted Most Outstanding Runner of the season.

Team Captain Greg Suiter, who is the only sophomore on the team, Dan Muse, and Scott Sheldon switched finishing in the number two, three, and four positions for the team. The team's number five runner was Jerry Durant.

"The most important thing in cross country is that the team group together as they're running," said Hodges, "we did a better job at closing the gap between the runners as the season progressed."

Women beat NW goal

Going into the season the Clackamas women's cross country team wanted to be in the top three in the state and top four in the northwest.

At the Oregon state championship meet they met their goal of

number three. And the north championship meet in Everett, Washington they exceeded goal of number four by claiming third place.

"We surprised a lot of people with our northwest finish," coach Mike Hodges.

The team had a dual record of nine wins and losses.

In addition to the Oregon Northwest Championship finishes, the women's team finished second at both the Clackamas and Fort Casey Invitationals, captured third at the Mt. Hood and Highline Invitationals.

Sophomore Michelle Miller, who was the constant number one finisher for Clackamas, voted Most Outstanding Runner. Jean Barnett was consistent second for Clackamas.

Although she was hampered by injuries, Dena Raddle was right behind them. Kelly Barnett and Khrista Caraher were strong runners for the team.



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