

Six Cougar runners place in top ten

by Christopher Curran
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The Clackamas women's cross country team had six of the top ten finishers against their opponents from George Fox College, but still fell short by a margin of 25-32 in Saturday's contest.

The first person to cross the finish line for the Cougars was sophomore Dena Raddle with a time of 16 minutes, 27 seconds. Raddle was the fourth finisher in the race overall. She was followed by sophomore Jeanne Barnett and Molly McArtor (fifth and sixth overall) with times of 16:35

and 16:36 respectively.

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"We had an outstanding grouping with our top three finishers," said Clackamas coach Mike Hodges.

The men's team, who also fell to defeat provided the competition's first place finisher in sophomore Keith Farrell, who finished the four mile men's course with a time of 20:46.

Scott Sheldon, of Springfield, crossed the finish line fourth and was timed at 21:55. Freshman Ryan Burco was number six at 22:21, and sophomore Jerry Durant finished seventh just two seconds behind him.

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title," said Hodges, "we're not as far along as last year, but the potential is there."

On Sept. 9 the college was represented by 14 Cougar runners in the 10 kilometer Prefontaine Memorial in Coos Bay.

Among the top performances for the men was Durant, who won the 19 and under age group with a time of 33:34. Durant finished fourth overall. Just 30 seconds behind Durant was Sheldon with third place in the same age group and seventh overall. Burco was number eight in that same age group with a strong 35:04.

The biggest highlight of the

women's competition was Raddle who took fifth place with her time of 42:31, which was good enough for second in the 19 and under age group. McArtor was next among the Cougar runners as she placed third in the 19 and under age group. Her time was clocked at 43:34. Fifth in the same age group was Michelle Springer who was clocked at 44:12.

Freshman Lori Schutt of Clackamas placed second in the 40-49 age group with a time of 46:12. The team's next meet is the Oct. 3 Fort Casey Invitational at Whidby Island, Washington.

Lady Cougars set to go

by Mark Borrelli
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After a slow start, the Clackamas Lady Cougars are set to be a competitive team in region IV volleyball this season.

The Cougars opened the season with a loss to Linn-Benton at Linn-Benton, but Clackamas Coach Kathie Woods was pleased by her team's efforts. "They beat us 16-14 in the fifth game, that's about as close as you can get," said Woods.

Clackamas will feature a very young, new look, with all but one player being new to the team, and nine of the 11 players being freshmen. The only returning player is Niki Beiser, the captain and team leader. "Niki is an outstanding player, and she also has the experience to help the younger players." Coach Woods is also excited about some of her new players. "Tammy Hatcher will be our leader on the court, she is an excellent setter." Another

freshmen that Coach Woods is impressed with is Cheryl Marthaller. "Cheryl is an excellent middle blocker. She has a lot of experience in volleyball; she is a smart volleyball player."

Last season the Cougars finished fifth in a seven team league, but Coach Woods feels Clackamas will be much better this year. "We're a very young team, with only one returning starter, but we're solid at every position. We have a solid bench; and we have the desire and the team chemistry to win." Woods expects that Mt. Hood will be the team to beat and Lane to be competitive. "Those teams are okay, but we will definitely be right in the picture this season."

Clackamas will travel to Eugene to face Lane on October 2 before returning home to face Mt. Hood October 3. Coach Woods was impressed with the fan support that was given in the squad's first home match and hopes it can get even better. "I was very happy with the tur-

nout, we let people in free, because we want people to come and watch us play, we want the gym jammed full, and very loud."

SPORTS BRIEFS

The alleys are open and, like most sports, the Clackamas bowling team is looking for participants. Join Coach Mick McMahon as he leads a nationally ranked team into the 1987-88 season.

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Intramural sports are starting up and to all the men out there, flag football sign-ups are going on now down in the lower level of Randall Hall near the coaches' offices.

More information can be obtained from Intramural Director Kathie Woods, located in R003. The more teams that are gathered, the better the competition. More on this next week.

Next week look forward to two special sports season premieres: Curran's Corner and Sports Off Campus. Each column back from last year, better than ever.

Schedules

Cross Country

Oct. 3 Fort Casey Invitational TBA Whidby Island, WA
Oct. 10 Mt. Hood Invitational TBA Blue Lake

Volleyball

Oct. 2 Lane CC 7:00 Eugene
Oct. 3 Mt. Hood CC 1:00 Home
Oct. 7 Chemeketa CC 7:00 Home
Oct.9/10 Cross Over Tourney TBA Home

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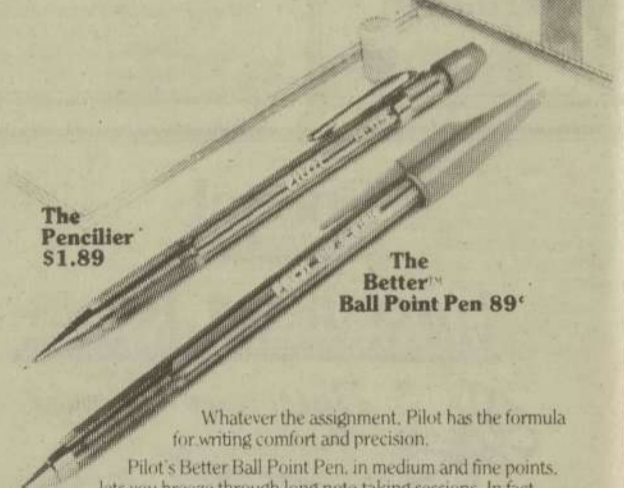
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