

Track team is 'blazing'

by Mark Borrelli
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The Clackamas track team is off to a blazing start in their two track meets, with two first place finishes for the men and a second and third place finish by the women.

The Cougar men finished third at State last year and are letting league foes know that they will be tough to beat this season. In the Siskiyou Invitational in Weed California March 19-20 Clackamas dominated - winning 194 to 123 over SWOCC. Coach Mike Hodges was happy with his team's performance. "It was very pleasing to go down there and win it with all of the California junior colleges there." Hodges was also pleased with the way his squad performed so early in the season. "We had a number of outstanding performances for so early in the season." Hodges feels that the strength of his team could be depth. "We showed a lot of depth and a competitive attitude."

Top finishers for Clackamas were: Jim Baker first in the ham-

mer with a toss of 148.10, his personal best by 13 feet; Keith Ferrell won the 10,000 meters with a meet record time of 32:21.1; J.D. Mall finished second at 34:55.9; Willie Hewson was first in the steeple chase, with a 9:57.6 time; and John Pahlke finished first in the javelin with a personal best toss of 189.1 for a new meet record. Clackamas swept the 100 meters: Steve Miller finished first at 10.8; Tory Bland second at 10.8; Bryan Ballard third at 10.9; and Damascus Hopes fourth with a time of 10.9.

In the meet Clackamas qualified for 30 events at the Northwest Championships.

On the women's side of the field things were not as bright as they finished third. But this was a big improvement from the sixth place finish of a year ago. "I was really pleased with the way the girls performed, the girls that were there showed good early season form," said Hodges.

Jeanne Barnette took first place in the 5000 meters with a time of 20:03.5 a new meet record. Freshman Gina

Passadore collected a first place finish in the javelin with a throw of 138.5 a new meet record also. "Gina is doing real well. That was her best javelin throw ever." Hodges feels that Jeanne Barnette, last year's state champion in the 10,000, is getting even better and will help her team. "Jeanne Barnette has already gotten better. Her and Molly McArtor, who is our strongest middle distance runner, could really help us team wise this year." Last year the women finished fifth at State, Hodges hopes to improve on that this year. "We want to finish in the top three. It's not an easy goal, but it's realistic."

The men and women traveled to Roseburg April 2, in a league meet involving Umpqua, Lane and Chemeketa and both teams came out successful.

The men once again dominated their way to an easy 82-43 win over second place finisher Chemeketa. The women also did well - finishing second behind first place finisher Lane.



photo by Beth Coffey

Hardwork is paying off for the Clackamas track team. In the two track meets so far, the men have ran away with two first places and the woman have taken second and third.

Fiskum is 'all-around' coach

by Sherri Michaels
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"I finished my masters degree at Portland State University this summer," commented Paul Fiskum, softball coach.

Fiskum, a Clackamas Community College alumni, has many titles and positions through out the year. His main and year long title is Community Recreation supervisor. There he has been working on improving the programs offered by finishing his

masters degree and participating in and taking other classes that enrich his knowledge in fitness and conditioning.

One of his goals for the community recreation program is to offer individual fitness programming. This goal also follows along with his own personal goals of strengthening himself in the areas of fitness, fitness with conditioning, and personal programs. He is also looking into some classes at the National Aerobic Insitute in Texas.

Now with his masters, "I would like to teach if they (Clackamas) have an opening part-time," said Fiskum, though he will be looking into other positions in the greater Portland area.

Dominating freshman lead softball team

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"I am looking toward the sophomores to provide the kind of leadership that allows us to play to the best of our ability," said Paul Fiskum, softball coach.

According to Fiskum, "We need people to step forward and lead by example for the team." It is a long season and Fiskum is looking to prevent the "down time" that ailed the team last year mid season and may have cost them at least one position in the standings last year.

Clackamas' most recent games were against Yakima, where they played four games in three days and won one out of the four games.

"We saw some real good things and we saw some real bad things. We saw that the coach hadn't prepared us good enough for defense yet," commented Fiskum.

Freshmen dominate through out the starting line up with both Leslie and Evonne Johnson on the mound. Catching for them are Mary Ferganson and Trina Hutchison. Dianne Madigan is

covering first base with LeAnna Halvig and Tina Bradford backing Madigan and Levi in the outfield.

All of the returning sophomores are in the starting line up. Michelle Day leads off at second base with Angie Downy at short stop, followed by Sheri Levi on third base and Jackie Butsch playing center.

The team is 2-3 in the season. The majority of their games are Friday and Saturday with this week, April 8 and 9, they play Edmonds and Skagit Valley.



photo by Beth Coffey

Softball coach, Paul Fiskum, has a light hearted moment with team member, Jackie Butsch.

Spring intramurals begin

by Christopher Curran
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Softball appears to be the most prominent intramural sport offered this Spring.

In order to be eligible for a game, both teams must produce a team of eight players each, three of those must be female. Any failure to meet those requirements will result in a forfeit.

The games will be scheduled Mondays and Wednesdays at noon to one and one to two. Fridays will serve as make-up days due to rain-outs.

April 8 is the deadline to turn in rosters into the appropriate envelope on the Intramural Bulletin Board in the lower level

of Randall Hall.

"As long as the weather is good," stated Intramural Director Kathie Woods, "we'll have a good turnout."

There will also be a coed racquetball tournament at Eastside Athletic Club. In order to be eligible, though, participants must be enrolled in the racquetball class offered at the college Spring term, which is full to capacity with 40 people, according to Woods.

The tennis courts north of Randall Hall will serve as the sight for a singles and possible doubles tennis tournament which will be held April 27.

A 3.1 mile run is scheduled for

May 2 at noon. The event, tabbed the "May Day Run," will take place rain or shine.

The May Day Run will begin in the loading zone off the northeast corner of Randall Hall. No prior registration is required. Runners sign up at the time of the run.

In other intramural action, singles badminton tournament will be held May 17, 19, and 24. Game time will be noon to 1:30.

Champions in each event will receive Clackamas Intramural T-shirts. One person may win only one shirt per term.

Any questions about Spring term intramurals should be directed towards Woods at the college 657-8400 ext. 418.

