

Cougars cross finish line

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Clackamas Community College Men's Track and Field Team clinched an undefeated season with first place at the State Community College Championships held at Mt. Hood Community College May 13 and 14.

Head Coach Mike Hodges was equally pleased with the Women's Team, "We wanted to finish a winning season among the top three this year, after placing fifth last year - and we met our goals."

Clackamas men led the pack with a total of 199 points, outdistancing Lane Community College—their next closest competitor—by 46 points. Men's team scores were: Lane 153, Linn-Benton 98, Umpqua 66, Mt. Hood 65, Chemeketa 53, and SW Oregon 14.

In addition to several special awards for Clackamas, athletes on both the men's and women's teams set many personal records. Hodges was named Oregon State Coach of the Year while Gabe Crane was honored with the "High Point Award." Crane scored a total of 33 points for the

college team.

Women's personal records were set by Heather McElheny in the 5,000 meter turning in a 20:10.46 for third, just minutes ahead of Christa Caraher setting a PR at 22:31.81 for fourth. Jeanne Barnett completed the 5,000 triumph for the women, coming in second at 19:15.21.

According to Coach Hodges, "It looked like a dead heat with Lane on the first day." He said that it was hardworking and talented athletes that made the difference. "We just tore them up on the second day," he commented.

Other firsts and personal records included: Jeanne Barnett, first, women's 10,000, 40:10.1; Gina Passadore, first, women's javelin, 148' 4"; Jerry Durant, third with a regional qualifying mark in the Men's 10,000 at 34:19.8; a personal record for Jim Baker, fourth in the discus with 136' 4".

Crane took first in the long jump sailing 23' 3.5" with Nate Golden following only 0.25" behind to set a personal record and take second. Steve Miller, fifth, also set a personal record at 22' 3.5". In the 3,000 meter steeple chase J.D. McCall placed

first at 9:47.4, Ryan Burco pacing him with a close second and personal record at 9:52.5.

The men's 400 relay team placed first (42.26) running Tory Bland, Miller, Golden and Crane. The women's 400 team tore down a third place honor (55.02) with help from Jodie Martini, Heidi Bowers, Passadore, and Faith Taylor. The men's 1600 came away with first again (3:19.17) teaming Bland, Golden, Miller and Crane. Women's 1600 ran third (4:29.81) teaming up Passadore, Lori Schutt, Molly McArtor and Martini.

Bland set a personal record in the 100 yard dash, placing first with a time of 10.68. In the men's high jump Rick Flemmer came away with first, jumping below his PR at 6' 8", only to be dogged by Golden grabbing second with a personal record of 6' 8". In the men's 200 yard dash both Bland and Miller set personal records. Bland came first—21.81—and Miller second at 21.92. Crane took first in the 400 intermediate hurdles. In the men's javelin John Pahlke speared first at 188' 5" and Warren Behymer set a personal record in third at 186' 4".

Cougars hit run of road hardships

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The Clackamas men's baseball team has had a tough four game road trip, dropping three of four, putting themselves in a playoff battle with cross-town rival Mt. Hood.

The top two teams in the league make the playoffs and the Cougars are currently in second place with the Saints close behind. Clackamas was in first place, until a nightmare of a road trip saw them drop two against Linn-Benton Saturday 0-5 and 3-4. The first game turned out to be a pitchers' duel, but Linn's defense proved to be the difference. Jav Prawl pitched a

traveled to Eugene Sunday to face Lane. The first game saw Craig Andyke pitch a gem of a game on the way to a 5-1 victory, with the one run scored being unearned. "He pitched very well," observed Roeder, "But the pitching they used was terrible."

The Cougars didn't fare so well in the second half on the double, getting shut out 3-0 "by a kid who couldn't pitch Babe Ruth ball," explained Roeder. "We played seven games in six days. We were tired."

The Cougars have a chance to make history by making it to the Northwest championship tournament in Longview, Washington May 26-30.

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—Coach Roeder—

fine game, tossing a three hitter, but three Cougar errors lead to three unearned runs and that was all Linn pitcher Ken Nielsen would need. Nielsen also pitched a three hitter, but his defense committed no errors on the way to his complete game shutout. "We just couldn't hit the stinkin' ball," explains coach Paul Roeder "their kid (Nielsen) pitched a really great game. We just got beat."

The second game saw another Cougar pitcher get hurt by some Cougar errors. Bryan Hopkins started on the mound for Clackamas and gave up four runs, two earned, but the Cougar defense committed two costly errors which lead to two more runs on their way to a 3-4 loss. "They really didn't pitch that well. They pitch just like a double 'A' pitcher, we just kept swinging at bad pitches," Roeder noted. Roeder feels that his team played much better in the second game and had an opportunity to win. "We should have won the second game. We just had a bad day with the bats."

The Cougars hoped the holes in the bats would go away as they

Clackamas is currently 12-8 in second place. Right behind is Mt. Hood with an 11-11 record. The top two teams from the league will make the playoffs and unless something drastic happens, Linn-Benton will finish first and Clackamas and Mt. Hood will battle for that final playoff berth. Clackamas has four remaining games all at home. They will host Lane Tuesday if the weather permits, and will entertain Mt. Hood Friday in which could be a crucial double header. Mt. Hood's remaining schedule is the two games here Friday. To make the playoffs all Clackamas has to do is split in their last four games. If they lose three, they are tied and if they lose all four, they are history. In the season series, both teams have won their home games and Clackamas is undefeated at home this season. The number two finisher likely will face Tacoma in the first round of the eight team double elimination tournament. Coach Roeder feels confident that his team can make history, "We control our own destiny. We should be able to win at least two games; we have the best hitting team in the league."



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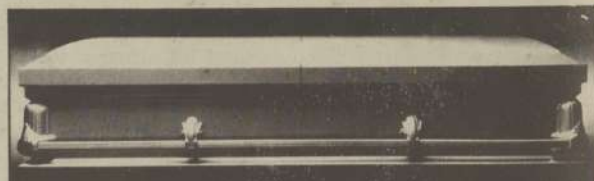
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