

## Men, women perform strong before home crowd



Practicing his hurdling technique is Randy Fish. Fish finished second in the 400m in 55.2, a personal best. Photo by Tim Zmeyer

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The Clackamas Cougar track team warmed up for the state competitions this week by having some strong performances by both teams in their Clackamas Invitational last Saturday.

Starting things off for the Cougars was Mike Hieb tossing himself into the winner's circle with a javelin throw of 209'8". Mike Tierney gave a personal record performance in the 400m, but fell short and wound up second with a time of 50 seconds flat. In the 400m hurdles, Gabe Crane outran his teammate Randy Fish to hold on to first, running the meet in 52.9, while Fish settled with the silver and a personal record cruising across the finish line in the time of 55.2.

Crane came back in the 110m hurdles and tied the school record, which was his own, running past the competition in a time of 14.5. Kyle Riggs long-jumped into second leaping 21'3". Dusty Moore came in fourth in the 1500m in a time of 4:07.5 which was a season best. David Bate kept his soaring abilities rising, leaping into sec-

ond in the high jump with a leap of 6'8".

Teammate Kevin Buse finished fourth in the 800m with a time of 1:56 giving him a new personal record.

The news of the weekend was the return of Steve Miller in his first competition in a month. Miller started where he left off in the triple jump, finishing first and almost scoring a season best, jumping 47'2 1/2".

"It was just an outstanding performance from Miller," commented Track Coach Mike Hodges. "We also had strong performances by Mike and Marc Paulson. They are hard workers and they will do anything for the team."

The Paulson brothers finished fourth and fifth in the 5000m in the times of 16:52.2 for Mike, and 17:25.9 for Marc. Nav Larson got into the scoring, winding up first in the 200m in a time of 21.4, which ties his personal best.

Not to be outdone, the Cougar relay team finished the 400m polishing a gold medal and a season best in the time of 41.4. The team in the 400m was Parker, Crane, Gibson, and Larson.

For the women, Chris Nylen had another strong performance, throwing the javelin 150'4" finishing second, tying her second best

throw of her career. Misty Graham finished sixth in the javelin breaking her season best tossing the javelin 120'9".

Nylen also finished third in the shot put heaving the ball 41'4" which was a personal best.

Jean Maree Lillard was her usual outstanding self finishing first in the shot put breaking a season record and her personal record with a toss of 44'10 1/2". Lillard also won the discus with a fling of 133' flat. With these wins, Lillard remains unbeaten in community college events. Showing up again in the score boxes was standout Jen Chandler from Rex Putnam. Chandler finished fourth with a toss of 110' flat.

The Cougars will travel to Chemeketa on Friday and Saturday for the State Championships. Friday's competition will begin at 1 p.m. and at noon on Saturday.

Hodges sees the men's team taking the competition while the women will struggle a little bit due to the injuries of track stars Angie Wright and Erika Lorentson.

"We still have some very talented athletes that will hopefully pick up the slack," explained Hodges. "We are performing really well and are reaching our peak. We should come out pretty good."

## Pitching staff suffers another blow

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Bad luck continues to haunt the Clackamas baseball team as they dropped another four league games last week.

Already undermanned, the Cougar pitching staff suffered another blow as pitcher Don Nelson was involved in a car accident May 5 and will be lost for the season with a dislocated thumb.

The Cougars traveled to Eugene May 1 to face the Lane Titans in a double-header. In the first game of the twin bill, the Cougars stranded nine base runners en route to an 11-6 loss.

"We keep getting guys on base, but we're not getting them across the plate," said Head Baseball Coach Robin Robinson.

Clackamas batters connected on 13 hits. Ken Hostetler tore up Lane pitching for four hits and drove in a pair of runs. Jeff Graham also had a good day at the plate, going 3-4 with two RBIs. Other Cougars who swung hot bats were Gage Campbell who went 3-4 and Jim Squires who batted 2-4.

In the second game, the Cougars played "great defense" according to Robinson, but dropped a tough 4-2 decision.

The Cougars had six hits, but Tim Ensley provided the only offense with a two run blast.

The team returned home to face the Clark Penguins in a double-header on May 5. Again the Cougars dropped a close decision, losing 6-4.

Campbell lead the Cougar offense going 4-5 and driving in one run. John Bennett also had one RBI and went 2-3 at the plate while Ensley was 2-5.

In game two against Clark the Cougars fell 16-8.

Campbell was the highlight of the day going 2-5 in the second game and batting 6-10 for the day; he had one more RBI. Bennett went 2-2 at the plate and had one RBI. Hostetler, Squires and Allison were all 2-4 at the plate with Hostetler and Allison each driving in a run.

The Cougars out hit Clark in both games, but left seven and nine men stranded respectively causing their defeat.

According to Robinson, Brady

Miller pitched a "great" five innings in his start against Clark. Squires also threw well in the second game.

Pitching Coach Tom Dyer explained that another injury to his staff just puts more pressure on the rest of the team.

"It puts in a pinch pitching wise for the next couple of weeks," said Dyer. "We just have to hope Arendell can come back and pitch."

The Cougars are now preparing for a seven home game stretch.

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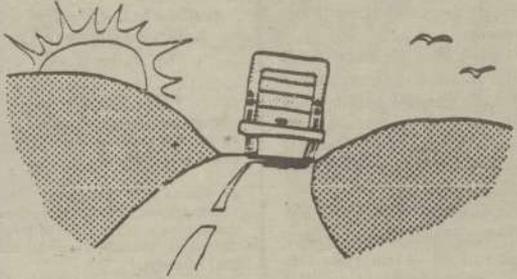
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