

Del Sol turns in another stellar performance...

Cross Country kicks community college contenders



Gene Branderhorst (335) flies by his opponents Saturday at the Willamette Invitational in Salem. Branderhorst finished 8th.

by Aaron Brown
Sports Editor

The Clackamas Cross Country team turned in another great performance Saturday at the Willamette Invitational, as both teams finished second among the community colleges competing.

"We did very well," summed up Coach Hodges. Yet against the overall competition, both teams finished in the middle of the pack.

Hodges commented that there were some strong teams from as far away as Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, who placed third overall behind Nike Portland and Humboldt State.

The men's side continued to improve upon their performance of last week and placed with a closer time differential than at the home meet last week.

"Once again, we finished well ahead of the other community colleges," commented Hodges. "It was the best overall perform-

ance together as a team."

Gene Branderhorst once again was the first one on the team to cross the finish line. He placed 8th overall with a time of 25:33. Freshman Billy Borkus finished next at 12th, and clocked 26:06. Mike Paulson completed the 8k run 21st at 26:31, Nathan Matlock was 24th at 26:52, and Tim Marshall

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wound up in 27th with a time of 27:28.

The women finished extremely well, placing 9th overall, and 2nd among community colleges, but were outdistanced by Pacific Lutheran and University of Oregon who were the top team finishers.

"The girls also had their best time as a team," reflected

Coach Hodges.

Not only did they have their best time, but also whipped a few four year institutions, namely Willamette, Southern Oregon, Western Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and Lewis & Clark.

The individual results show just how strong the team is. Last week, only Roni Del Sol finished under 20 minutes. At the Willamette Invitational, three clocked under the 20 minute mark.

Del Sol (finished 9th), who continued her success and seems to be mounting a streak of under 20 minute finishes, concluded the race with 19:30. Stephanie Rosen (12) finished at 19:58, Kristy Morgana (13th) with 20:08, Sonia Schmuland (16th) at 20:48, and Dianna Pollack (17th) concluded the team with 21:04.

Both teams are on the right track to repeat as State Champions, according to Hodges. Hodges hopes the team will continue its success this Saturday at Eastern Oregon Invitational in LaGrande.

As they make a bid for the playoffs...

Cougars tie for 3rd, face a 'must win' tonite

by Brenda Hodgen
Sports Writer

Tonight's match up with Linn-Benton Community College is a "must win" for the Cougar Volleyball team according to Coach Kathie Woods.

"They're below us in league with a record of 1-5, but we're not far ahead at 2-4," Woods stated. "We really need this win if we want to reach our goal of making the play-offs."

Woods is confident that the ladies can pull it off, yet they are preparing for a genuine battle.

"There will definitely be a good fight," she explained. "In the past years, we've seemed to have bad luck down there; we just don't seem to do well. But, we can win; and, since we know we have to, we'll be ready."

The Cougars traveled to Salem over the weekend for the Chemeketa Community College

Invitational where they tied for third place with Yakima Valley Community College.

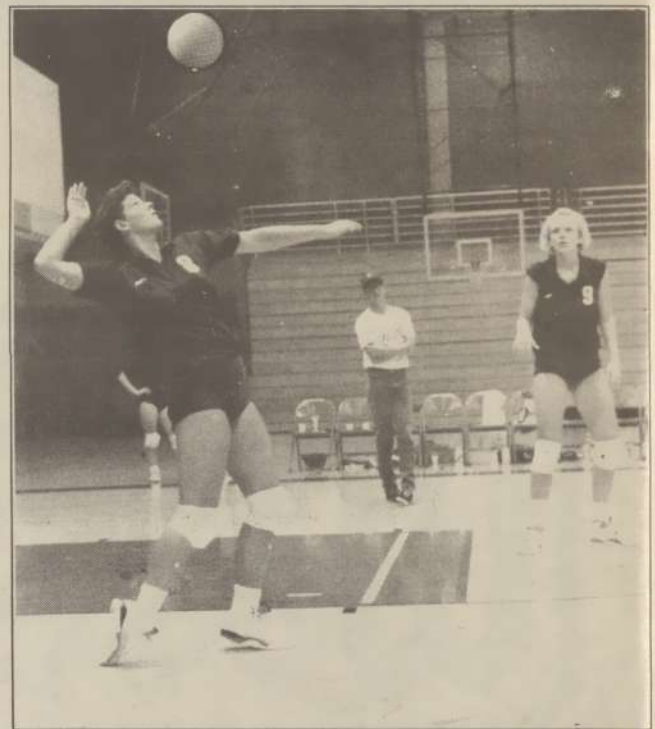
The tournament consisted of eight teams and lasted from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

The teams were divided into two pools of four to play off for standings. Once standings were determined, the team who took first in each pool played the team who finished last in the opposite pool; the team that finished second played the opposite team at third and so on.

The first team we played Saturday morning was Mt. Hood which was tough after our loss to them on Wednesday," explained Woods. "We wanted to get them back, but we just didn't have enough momentum."

The Cougars took fourth in their pool, moved on to defeat Green River Community College, then suffered a second loss to Mt. Hood for the day which left them in a tie for third.

The team competed without Freshman Wendy Haugen who was out for the weekend on personal business, and Debbie Asboe who was ill with the flu.



Debbie Asboe (left) prepares for a serve as Tara White (right) looks on. The Cougars hope to improve their league record, which is now 2-4.

Last week's game against Mt. Hood at Clackamas was a

much different story. Although the rival Saints won the match 3-2, the Cougars played well according to Woods.

"It was a great match. There were a lot of people, which helped. The girls played really well, but it was just one that they let get away," said Woods.

Clackamas' scores were 15-6, 16-18, 15-7, 6-15 & 6-15.

"We won the first and third games, and had game point in the second game. If we wouldn't have lost that, we would have had three straight on Mt Hood," Woods continued. "I think we're the closest anyone's gotten to a win against them. We have another try in league, so we'll get them then."

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