

Breaking in the new home turf...

Cougar track teams soar to first over rivals

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Some spectacular things happened over the weekend for the Cougar men's and women's track teams. The teams competed here against Lane Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Grays Harbor Community College, and Green River Community College. Clackamas' men and women both took first

place which marks a 6-0 record for the men this season, and extends their number of consecutive wins to 21 over the past two years, with a record of 47-1 over the last three and a half years. For the women this competition proved to be successful since it was their first victory over Lane CC since the late 1970s and the second year in a row they've been victorious over Mt. Hood CC since the 70s.



Photo by Greg Hess

Pam Raade strives for the lead in the women's 400m dash, where she finished third with a time of 1:00.2. Raade is this team's strength in the sprints. The Cougar ladies were victorious over all four competitors last weekend including rivals Lane CC and Mt. Hood CC.

Coach Mike Hodges showed sincere enthusiasm.

"The competitive part of the meet was outstanding. We ended up very tough. The other teams were horrified by the weather and ended up scratching out of events and folding, but our teams just kept fighting," explained Hodges. "It was a historic time...just really neat. The men performed just like I thought they would, and the women performed better than we ever could have wished for," he continued. "This was the first meet we ran on the newly resurfaced track and it was just a great way to inaugurate the new track."

The Cougars were not only victorious; they won by considerable numbers. Men's scores were: Clackamas 132, Mt. Hood 78, Lane 43, Green River 18, and Grays Harbor 11. Women's scores finished at: Clackamas 81, Lane 44, Grays Harbor 33, Mt. Hood 32, and Green River 14.

The men swept all three places in the hammer and the pole vault, and took first and second in the 3,000m steeple chase. Also four new NWAACC qualifiers came out of this meet: Billy Borkus and Gene Branderhorst in the steeple chase, Kyle Riggs in the 110m hurdles, and Tim Grady in the 100m dash. Before this meet the team had 16 men qualifying in 23 events and 8 women qualifying in 12 events. Hodges showed enthusiasm here, too.

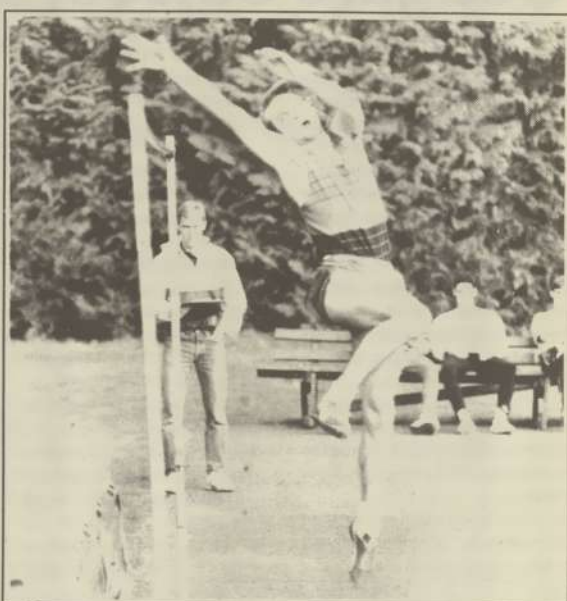


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David Bate leaps over the High Jump during last weekend's meet where he cleared 6'2" as he landed in first place.

"It's really great that we have this many qualifiers this early in the season," he said. "They can qualify any time throughout the season, so we still have a lot of time for those who haven't yet made the time or distance."

The Cougars are now preparing for the Mt. Hood Relays, April 13 where the Clackamas men are the defending champions.

Hodges is looking forward to working with the team for the remainder of the season and throughout next year.

"We've finally built ourselves enough so that we're headed in the direction we want to go," Hodges said. "And, the exciting part about this team [of women] is that they're all freshmen."

MEN

Dwayne Arnold
1st 110 High Hurdles 14.6sec
400Hurdles 54.3 sec
Rick McClung
1st Hammer Throw 126'2"(pr)
Billy Borkus
1st 3,000m Steeple Chase 9:47.5
Kevin Buse
1st 1500m 4:08.8
David Bate
1st High Jump 6'2"

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Tim Grady
1st 100m 11.0 sec
Greg Hess
1st Pole Vault 14'6"
Ryan Parshall
1st Discus 133'7"
Mike Paulson
1st 5,000m 16:23.0
Gene Branderhorst
2nd 3,000m Steeple Chase 9:54.2

Randy Fish
2nd 400m Hurdles 56.9sec
Ryan Parshall
2nd Hammer Throw 110'11"(pr)
Chris Hale
2nd Pole Vault 13'0"(pr)
Kristy Blair
1st 1500m 5:17.3
800m 2:30.5

Alicia Smith
1st Long Jump 15'9"
100m 13.1 sec
Sonia Schmuland
1st 5,000m 20:49.0
Jenny Gay
1st 100m Hurdles [no time avail]
Alicia Smith
2nd Triple Jump 31'31/2"
Pam Raade
2nd 200m 27.4 sec
3rd 400m 1:00.2 sec



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Rene Lopez of El Salvador is working with the Cougar Track teams to learn about coaching through the exchange program.

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