

Sports Column

by Lane Scheideman

The year: 2002.

The place: Portland, Oregon.

It has been two weeks since the Chicago Cubs beat the Portland Wombats in the final home game of Portland's second season of Major League Baseball.

It has also been a couple weeks since the first seasons have started for the new NHL and NFL teams here in Portland.

Of course, everyone is anticipating the Trailblazers' bid to three-peat this year in the NBA.

Could this be an actual news story in Portland's sports franchise future?

Do we want this to be the future for sports in Portland?

Are we doomed to be a minor league/amateur town?

Yes, this can be a story about Portland sports. Anything is possible. Whether it will depend on the attitude of Portlanders everywhere throughout the quad-counties.

The Blazers will have to get their own coliseum (not with taxpayer money, of course). The Winter Hawks will have to somehow create a situation that will draw more people to hockey. The rich people of Portland will have to get together and build a much larger stadium to house our future MBL and NFL teams.

It will take a lot of money to be a major league town but it would definitely pay off in the long run.

Do we really want this? Could we live with below-average teams for the first few years of their existence (unless we get a transfer team)? Could we live with impossibly high ticket prices (Winter Hawk and Beaver fans would be paying approximately five times as much)? Could our T.V. and radio markets find room for all the major sports?

Yes, I do believe we are doomed to be a minor league/amateur town. It is almost unavoidable. There really isn't anything wrong with being second-best, especially when we are surrounded by Seattle and the state of California. We should take advantage of the sports we have. Our Beavers are the farm club for one of the World Series contenders and the Winter Hawks have sent a fair share of excellent players to the NHL. We haven't had much success in the area of football, except for the semi-pro Thunderbolts who have had good seasons, but not many people are sure what they are.

SOLUTIONS: The best I could come up with is to stick with the Beavers, get the CFL team we are looking for, get the Blazers their new coliseum, and have the Winter Hawks get their act together or try to get a NHL farm team.

Second half approaching... Cougars in the middle of the volleyball standings

By Jimmy Criswell
Staff Writer

The volleyball team has nearly completed its first half of league play, and they are sitting on a balancing point from which they can finish high or low in the standings.

At 2-3, they haven't yet taken the big step needed to put them at the top. Sitting around fourth place right now, Clackamas is definitely not out of the race yet. If they can pull their talent together and cut down on mental mistakes, you can look for the Cougars to be up near the top at the end of season.

After a disheartening loss at Mt. Hood on Tuesday, Oct. 8, Clackamas travelled to Pendleton to compete in a two-day tournament at Blue Mt. CC. They finished an overall 4th out of 18 teams.

They began the first day in the pool play. They split sets against Highland and Skagit, and lost to Columbia-Basin with a close score of 15-17 and 11-15. This put them in 3rd place out of their pool.

The next day they started the double-elimination tournament without their setter Jennifer McKenzie, team leader in assists, who was out due to a foot injury. Defensive specialist Jenny Gay filled in

at setter with Staci Quimby.

They were forced to play Blue Mt. in their first game, who finished 2nd in their pool. Clackamas played tough and defeated them 15-13, 14-16, and 15-7. This put them again up against Columbia-Basin, who this time put the Cougars down hard 0-15, 5-15. In the next match they faced Skagit. Clackamas finished them off in straight sets 15-13, 15-3. Julie Braman made the all tournament team, which consists of six players taken from the 8 teams.

Head Coach Kathie Woods liked the effort the team put out in the games. "Jenny [Gay] did a good job stepping in, and it was a big honor for Julie to make the team, usually they don't even look at the teams who finish as far down as 4th," Coach Woods said.

They finish the first half of the season at home tonight against Linn-Benton CC. They defeated them earlier this year in tournament play, but have yet to face them in a league game. The Cougars are hopeful of a large crowd and Coach Woods expects to give them a good show. "They have the desire to win every game they play," she said.

PROFILE BILLY BORKUS

Age: 19

Year: Sophomore

High School: Putnam

Position: Team Captain/Cross-Country

When did you get started in running?

When I was in seventh grade, and I guess I stuck with it because I was better than other people at it. Have you competed in other sports?

Basketball, which I did all through school. About ten years, I guess.

What are your plans for the future?

To go on to a four-year college and major in engineering, and hopefully keep running.

What are your personal goals for the season?

Just to improve on all my times in races we had last year and place as high as I can in the championships.



What do you think of your team chances?

I think we have a good chance as far as the team goes, all the guys are pretty close together and some of the freshmen are doing better than I did last year.

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The women's and men's cross country teams head into the Southern Region Championships with impressive winning records.

Southern Region Championships approaching Cross Country teams continue winning ways in Weed, California

By Greg Tully
Staff Writer

The CCC cross country teams each rolled to victory at last weekend's Siskiyou's Invitational in Weed, California and continue to look impressive as they prepare for the upcoming Southern Region Championships.

The men defeated The College of the Redwoods by a score of 23-51. The men's B team, the Clackamas Cougar Club, finished 3rd with a score of 72 and The College of Siskiyou was fourth at 82. The men's team has a lot of runners so coach Mike Hodges divides them into two teams, the A and B teams, with the top runners being on the A team.

Team captain Billy Borkus finished 1st with a time of 21:11 for the 4 mile course. Gene Branderhorst, running on the B team was 2nd in 21:15. Branderhorst has already run for two years and is not eligible this year, so Hodges has him on the B team. Five other members of the Clackamas team were within 1:02 of Borkus: Kevin Buse in 4th, Nathan Matlock in

5th, Oscar Bauman 6th, Randy Faddis 7th and Wilfredo Elenes 11th.

The women narrowly defeated the Siskiyou Raider's Club 27-28. Stephanie Rosen, a sophomore from Newberg, was 2nd with a time of 19:22 for 2.95 miles. Roni Del Sol was 3rd in 19:37. Team captain Sonia Schmuland was 6th in 20:01, Tara Loiodici was 7th in 20:13 and Wendi Smith finished 9th with a time of 20:46.

Coach Hodges felt the victory was very important for recruiting reasons. He said that the colleges in that area were telling recruits that they were better than CCC in order to lure young runners to their schools. "The College of the Redwoods was supposed to be the best team in the area and we beat them very convincingly" Hodges said.

The teams will now have a weekend off in preparation for the Southern Region Championships in Eugene on October 26. Hodges likes the CCC teams' chances. "We'll definitely be the favorites," he said.

Fundraiser for Cougar Volleyball

There will be a 3 on 3 co-ed volleyball tournament on Sunday Oct. 27 in the CCC Gym. Registration forms are available in Kathie Woods' office, R003. The cost is \$21 per team and a prize will be given to the top team.

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