

Sports View

Phillies will be back in '94

by Jason Hunter
Staff Writer

The Philadelphia Phillies were the Cinderella team of the Major Leagues this year. Last year they were a threat to no one, finishing in last place while the Pittsburgh Pirates would lose another series to the Atlanta Braves.

This year, the Phillies had the chance of stopping the Braves from three-peating the National League Pennant. Philadelphia succeeded in six games.

The Phillies were in the World Series for the first time since 1982, facing the defending world champions ... the Toronto Blue Jays.

It was a well-fought series with some pitcher's duels and some slugfests, but after game six, the fat lady sang at the blow of Joe Carter's bat. The World Series championship would stay in Toronto.

The championship of America's national pastime now resides in Canada. Philadelphia was America's first capital, the hometown of Benjamin Franklin and the Liberty Bell. All of these are great symbols of America.

The Phillies represent the United States with people like John Kruk, Lenny Dykstra, Dave Hollins and Darren Daulton. Each represents a different type of American citizen.

Kruk with the dirty appearance, Dykstra with the big load of chew in his mouth, Hollins is a person that is dedicated to winning with his game face on an hour before the first pitch, and Daulton is a man who has fought knee injuries to come back and be one of the best catchers in the majors.

These true Americans will bring our national pastime's championship back to the United States next year.

Injuries, flu hamper volleyball season

by Justin M. Fields
Sports Editor

The sign above Volleyball Coach Kathy Woods' door explains why the Lady Cougars display a positive attitude at all times:

- We believe...
- In giving our all, all the time (110 %)
- We practice to be the best we can be.
- We are goal-oriented
- We are winners!

Yesterday, the team showed they were winners off the court as well when they brought cookies to elderly people at a retirement home in Oregon City. Coach Woods and her team take time each month to do some service within the community.

The team continued this winning attitude when they defeated Linn-Benton Community College 15-10, 15-9, 8-15, 16-14 last Wednesday. They also had a strong performance against powerhouse Umpqua Community College Friday, losing a close match.

The Cougars lost to Southwestern Oregon Community College Saturday, which cost them a playoff berth in the Southern region NWAACC championships.

"We were capable of playing



photo by Chad Patten

Lady Cougars prepare for Mt. Hood Invitational Classic

them much better, but with only two healthy players, we had as many errors as kills," Coach Woods said.

Coach Woods added that she is optimistic about achieving new goals for the rest of the season. Those goals include getting the sophomores more experience, and to be a "spoiler" to number-two Chemeketa CC. The team is also looking forward to the Mt. Hood Invitational Classic this Friday and Saturday. They are one of 16 teams invited to compete.

"We feel honored to be a part of that tournament," Woods

said.

The three returning sophomore starters who provide the leadership for this year's squad of 11 players are Carla Nofziger, Jennifer Potter and Alyson Kingsley. Nofziger was selected as the Southern region Player of the Week for Oct. 13 and was selected by Coach Woods as CCC Player of the Week on Oct. 20 just before her season-ending knee injury.

Clark CC transfer student Nicole LaMarche was selected by Coach Woods as CCC Player of the Week for Oct. 13.

Cougar runners come up short in Southern Regional meet

by Paul Valencia
Staff Writer

Mother Nature paid a visit to the Clackamas Cougar cross country squads at the Southern Regional Championships at Sandy High School on Saturday. She wasn't in a good mood.

The men and women's squads, which had members suffering from sickness and injuries, finished second and third, respectively. On the brighter side, however, Cougar Cruz Gonzalez took the individual men's title.

Clark edged out Clackamas for the men's title, beating the Cougars 34-36. Mt. Hood wound up third with 74. The Lady Cougars ended up with a score of 52, losing to first-place Clark, 36, and runner-up Mt. Hood, 51.

"It was just one of those things that happens in athletics," said Head Coach Mike Hodges of his team's unfortunate luck. Of his men's 12-member squad, only seven competed. On the eight-member women's team, only five ran the course.

"In both cases, we lost our number-one person," Hodges said. Defending Northwest champion Mike Hickey suffered through the week prior to the meet with asthmatic bronchitis and couldn't run. "He wanted to, but we wouldn't let him," the coach said of his runner's competitive nature.

The women's top runner, Cindy Keene, wasn't even at the meet. "I made her stay home because I didn't want her to get everyone else sick," Hodges said. Keene had the flu.

"In athletics, if you don't take care of your athletes, sooner or later you don't have good ath-

letes," Hodges explained.

Besides, Hodges and the Cougars have bigger and better things to prepare for, such as the Northwest Championships which are coming up Nov. 6 in Longview, Wash. And Hodges expects his teams to bounce back.

"If you are a true competitor and true champion, it shows by how you respond (to a loss)," he said. "They were not happy with the results. We will re-focus and try to get healthy."

One person who doesn't need to get healthy is Gonzalez, who took the Southern title as a freshman.

"He ran a very strong race," Hodges said. "He ran near the front from the beginning and at about the one-mile mark, he moved into the lead and stretched it out from there."

Hodges said that Kevin Bartholomae had one of his best meets in a Cougar uniform. Bartholomae finished as the team's number-three runner. "He had never finished higher than sixth for us before. He met the challenge."

On the women's side, Hodges noted Elizabeth Ribbeck, Anna Strodtman and Arah Ogle, who finished fifth, tenth and eleventh in the Southern meet.

Hodges said he hopes his teams will be ready to go for the Northwest meet. He predicted a battle between Clark, Bellevue, Spokane and Clackamas for the women's championship. "With a large group of teams like that, every place really matters."

On the men's side, Hodges said to look for a battle between the Cougars and Clark.

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