

Cougars chalk up two more wins

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There was nothing unusual about Saturday's track and field meet at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany as Clackamas Cougars chalked up a couple more wins for their records.

The men's squad ran away with what was supposed to be a close meet, beating Lane Community College 130-88. The women came away with a 107-80 win over Lane.

Head Coach Mike Hodges explained that, because of bad weather his teams were focused more on competing than trying for the top performances because of the weather. But this didn't stop some of his athletes from reaching peak performances. Dave Harnsberger (hammer), Brent Roeger (10,000 meters), Meredith Case (discus) and Cindy Keene (1500 meters) all qualified for spots in the Northwest Championship, bringing the total to 30 spots for the men and 25 spots for the women.

Harnsberger qualified with a fifth place throw of 130 feet, 4 inches in the discus. Roeger won the 10,000 and qualified with a time of 32 minutes, 52.2 seconds. Reinhard took second in the pole vault at 13'6". Case qualified and also reached the Clackamas All-

Time Top 10 with a throw of 121'10" in the discus. Keene took second behind teammate Wendy Johnson in the 1500 meter, but still qualified with a time of 5:05.2.

Other strong performances on the men's side included first-place finishes by Dave Island in the javelin at 190'11", the 400 relay team in a time of 43.9 and Kevin Bartholomae in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:14.2. Ryan Clay, Chad McIntire, and Mike Thompson swept the top three spots in the 110 meter high hurdles. Evan Vuksich won the long jump at 20'2" and Jason West cruised to a win in the 800 with a time of 1:58.3.

"The whole team is improving at a very consistent rate," said Hodges. The women's team definitely proved him right. Other first-place finishes for the women included Case in the shot put at 36'6 1/2", Kristie Preiskorn in the high jump at 4'10 1/2" and Kami Sisk in the 200 at 27.1 seconds. Keene, Johnson and Annie Boitano swept the top three spots in the 3,000. Preiskorn also won the triple jump at 33' 5 3/4".

The teams travel to the Mt. Hood Relays at Lewis and Clark College on Saturday, where they've had a lot of success in the past.

Hodges is pleased with the way his team is coming along.

Who pays for high school sports?

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I find it hard to agree with Dwight Jaynes' opinion article in The Oregonian on March 7. Jaynes agrees with Ed Blumenauer's idea that out-of-town golfers who play on Portland's public courses should be charged an extra \$2 to help save high school sports in the Portland School District.

Blumenauer, Portland's current city commissioner, says that this surcharge would raise about \$400,000 per year for high school athletics in the Portland School District. He has used his power to influence such groups as the OSAA (Oregon Student Activities Association), the Portland City Council, and the Portland School District.

This man has had two children who have played high school sports in Portland, and he says that the students need sports. He also states that "athletic programs are the difference between saving and losing kids." Blumenauer believes that Portland will lose families that are vital to the future if sports are not saved in the city's schools. He says this because he thinks that people won't want to move to Portland if there are no sports programs in

the schools.

Blumenauer has become upset that nothing significant has been done to help save the sports programs. He believes this idea he has will work.

Jaynes doesn't believe that an extra \$2 for a round of golf would keep the "outsiders" from coming to Portland to play. He explains that he thinks that those people who live outside Portland and use any sports facility or public venue should pay an extra tax since they didn't help pay for these places in the first place. Did these city folks expect no one but themselves to be able to use these facilities?

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Should it really be the out-of-town golfers who pay for the city kids to play sports? I don't think so. Not having sports in the city will not have a very big effect on the number of people moving into Portland. Those with children are likely to settle down in a smaller area than a metropolitan jungle.

Jaynes says that Portland's public golf courses are

some of the cheapest around. I can think quite clearly of a lot of courses that are less expensive than \$13 a round: Evergreen, Ranch Hills, and Frontier, just to name a few.

I do think that another \$2 added to golfing fees would turn off those coming from outside Portland. The prices right now aren't as affordable as those in the surrounding areas. I'm sure that most people would rather golf outside the city than pay more money on top of what could already be considered too much. This would allow many of the slower city golfers to play at any rate of speed that they wanted.

There's no reason why someone living outside Portland, but using the public facilities, should have to pay more than the city dwellers. There are many more people that live in the city who use the facilities than those who don't live in Portland.

Why not charge those that attend the Class 4A state playoffs and tournaments every year in Portland a couple extra dollars? These would include football, soccer, basketball, and wrestling playoffs. Wouldn't this make more sense than charging someone who might have nothing to do with high school sports?

Ex-Cougar wrestles in Russia

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Former Colton High School and Clackamas Community College wrestler Jason Baurer has found success academically and athletically since transferring to Pacific University in Forest Grove last fall.

Baurer placed third at the NAIA National Tournament in the 190-lb. weight class and finished the season with a 24-6 record. Baurer was a state champion wrestler at Colton before moving on to Clackamas. He also made the Dean's List at Pacific for academics.

"Jason is the most physically-educated athlete we have," said Pacific Wrestling Coach Larry Nugent. "He works on all different levels of conditioning and uses that strategy to his benefit."

Nugent explained that Baurer wasn't challenged at the regional level, and that the only wrestler that Baurer lost to at the national tournament was the eventual national champion. He also said that he was excited about having Baurer back for next year.

Baurer's former coach at Clackamas, Jim Jackson, also had some high compliments for Baurer.

"Jason is one of our positive situations. Jason is a tremendous individual both academically and athletically. His desire and work ethic are great."

Jackson believes that Clackamas will be able to point to Baurer as a "good recruiting tool" because he is so "noticeable."

In his second year at Clackamas, Baurer was injured at the regional tournament and had to be taken to the hospital for a possible broken arm. Jackson believed that Baurer would have finished the season as an All-American had he not been injured.

This all-around student has qualified for the NAIA All-

Star Team, which will be competing in June. The team will travel to several Eastern Russian cities to wrestle against the Russian all-stars.

Baurer's trip to Russia will cost \$800, and any donations would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Bob Kickner at Pacific at 357-6151.



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