

# Hodges declares Webber 'Hero of the Meet'

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Team unity is important to Head Coach Mike Hodges and his track & field teams. The teams showed their unity with a strong showing at the Mt. Hood Relays at Lewis & Clark College on Saturday.

The men's squad won the eleven-team meet with 128 points followed by Clark with 86 and Bellevue with 84. The women held off Bellevue for first place with 110 points. Bellevue followed with 82 and Mt. Hood had 76. The Cougars also won the Co-Ed combined title with 238 points. Bellevue took second with 168.

Hodges explained that the men have won that meet five years in a row and six of the last seven years. The women have won

two out of the last three and Clackamas has won the co-ed title for the last four years straight.

Hodges also said that the meet was set up in a format entirely different from regular track meets. The hurdles were the only events ran as individual events, but the field events were all run the same.

Hodges said that this meet is a good catapult for the rest of the season because it helps bring the team together as a whole and builds a lot of unity, which is important for such a large group.

Hodges explained that depth has been an important aspect in his teams' success throughout the season and it showed again Saturday. Both teams managed to score in every event held.

Maury Webber was de-

clared the "Hero of the Meet" by Hodges after he passed and out-sprinted his competitor from Clark in leading the 4 X 1600m team to a win. "He ignited the excitement of the team," said Hodges. Thrower Kris Long came out of a small slump with two impressive wins in the hammer and the shot put. Long threw 154 feet, 10 inches in the hammer and 48-6 1/2 in the shot put.

Craig Connors tied his personal record with a 15' 6" effort in the pole vault. Dave Island took an easy win in the javelin with a throw of 194-6. Evan Vuksich took second and had a p.r. in the triple jump at 44-7 3/4. Ryan Clay reached eighth place on the all-time 110 meters hurdles list with a p.r. and a time of 15.1 seconds.

The men's 4 x 800 relay team of Adam West (1:57.2), Kevin Bartholomae (1:58.54), Leo Sanders (1:57.75), and Brian Buckingham (2:01.74) ran away with an easy win in a time of 7:55.4. Hodges was impressed with Leo Sanders two 800 meter legs in the distance medley and the 4 x 800 relay. Adam West helped lead the men's team to two impressive wins with 800 meter legs in the 4 x 800 and the distance medley.

The women's team also had some strong wins at Saturday's meet. Hodges said that the women's strength was in the throwing events where Meredith Case and Karissa Skarberg took second and third in the discus and shot put, respectively. Kami Sisk took first in the 100m hurdles with a season's best of 15.4 seconds.

The women's 4 x 200 team ran away with first in a time of 1:49.3. That team was led by Krisite Preiskorn, who ran the 200 in 25.01 seconds. Hodges said that the 4 x 800 team of Preiskorn (2:29.35), Wendy Johnson (2:24.68), Cindy Keene (2:28.68), and Elizabeth Ribbeck (2:32.7) showed "a very fine performance."

Hodges said that within the next week or so, the teams will begin to work on less distance and more shorter runs to prepare for the regional championships in mid-May. Both teams will travel to Vancouver on Saturday where they will compete in a ten-team invitational at Hudson's Bay High School. Hodges expects the meet to be a big battle with his teams facing their top rivals, Lane and Clark.

## In Major League Baseball

# Our neighbors to the North will win again

by Jeff Adams  
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Spring has sprung and that means Major League Baseball is back in gear.

The biggest additions to the game this season is the divisional realignment. The American and National league will now have a central division to go along with the east and the west. Cleveland, and Texas have new stadiums and the all-star game will be in Pittsburgh. And for the first time since many of us were born George Brett, Nolan Ryan, Robin Yount, and Carlton Fisk will not be suiting up. The following are my predictions for the 1994 season. Don't take them to Vegas with you but some are so obvious that even Pete Rose would bet on them.

The league playoffs will consist of the three division champions, and a wild card team. The wild card team will be the remaining team with the best record out of the three divisions. Here are the top two teams from each divisions.

American League East: The top three teams have a shot.

1. Toronto- Still too much talent and depth. A solid pitching staff goes along with the best lineup

in baseball.

2. Baltimore- Free agent pick ups Palmerio, and Sabo will help the lineup. Ben McDonald, and Mike Mussina are the keys to the pitching staff.

American League Central: There are two good teams.

1. Chicago- Frank Thomas, and the best pitching staff in the A.L. will put the Sox in the playoffs.

2. Cleveland- The tribe can play. A new stadium, and veterans Eddie Murray, and Jack Morris will combine with the youth and have a winning season.

American League West: A young talented division.

1. Seattle- The lineup is the best in M's history. Ken Griffey can do it all, and the pitching is solid.

2. Texas- Clark, Gonzalez, and Canseco = 100 h.r.'s. Their pitching will keep them from first place.

National League East: The best division in baseball.

1. Atlanta- Still the best team over the last three years that hasn't won it all. Ryan Klesko will make up for the loss of Ron Gant.

2. Philadelphia- Should be the wild card team. Kruk, and

Dykstra are the keys. Baseball's version of the WWF is back.

National League Central: Almost anyone can win this one.

1. Houston- Solid pitching staff. Jeff Bagwell is an all-star. Mitch Williams will help the bullpen.

2. Cincinnati- Not a bad team. If the team can stay healthy then they will have a shot at first.

National League West: The Giants division to loose.

1. San Francisco- Bonds is the games best. Portugal brings 18 wins, and Darren Lewis is the best defensive outfielder in the game.

2. Los Angeles- Deshields was a great pickup. And no Daryl won't hurt them.

The Playoffs.

American League: Blue Jays, Indians, White Sox, Mariners.

National League: Braves, Giants, Phillies, Astros.

World Series: Yes folks are neighbors to the north win it again. Toronto 4-2 over the Giants.

Postseason Awards.

N.L. MVP- Barry Bonds, Runner Up- Fred McGriff, Darkhorse- Matt Williams.

A.L. MVP- Ken Griffey, Runner Up- Juan Gonzalez, Darkhorse- Mo Vaughn.

N.L. Cy Young- Greg Maddux, Runner Up- Tom Glavine.

A.L. Cy Young- Randy Johnson, Runner Up- Jim Abott.

Don't count on:

Veterans to bow out to the youth just yet.

Wade Boggs will hit over .320, and win the batting crown.

Andre Dawson will hit 30 h.r.'s and drive in 90+ runs.

Dave Winfield is approaching top ten list for R.B.I.'s, hits, and he's near the 500 h.r. club.

Tony Gwynn is still the best hitter in the N.L.

Don't be surprised if:

Ron Gant becomes a Blue Jay and helps them three-peat.

Anthony Young finds success in Chicago winning at least five games.

Daryl Strawberry is released and signs back with the Mets.

Ken Griffey, Frank Thomas, Juan Gonzalez, and Cecil Fielder combine for 160 h.r.'s and 450 r.b.i.'s.

Bet On:

Barry Bonds winning his third straight MVP, and not choking in the playoffs.

Mitch Williams beaming ex-teammate Curt Schilling in a Phillies vs. Astros match-up.

6'10" Randy Johnson not retiring and trying out for the Seattle Supersonics.

The biggest road show in America making a stop in September at Comiskey Park. Michael (Error) Jordan, hey he may not have the talent, but he will sell tickets.

The season is about two weeks old. It should be an interesting one. The new divisions will result in pennant races all the way into late September. Almost everyone has a shot, well except for San Diego I think they have already been eliminated.

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