

Fairchild succeeds in running with 'follow me' attitude

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Clackamas Community College sophomore Jaime Fairchild is not only the women's cross country team captain, she is also one of the best runners in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC).

Fairchild, a graduate of Tualatin High School, won the district cross country meet her senior year. Fairchild continued on to the state competition, where she placed seventh.

As a freshman here at CCC, Fairchild won the NWAACC women's cross country championship, after finishing second in the Southern Regional meet.

"Jaime's talented; she's competitive, and she's proof that a person can be a quality athlete and a real nice person at the same time," said Clackamas Track & Field and Cross Country Coach

Mike Hodges of his standout athlete. "She is really a quality person and she has a very positive influence in that regard on the women and the men."

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Hodges said of Fairchild's leadership skills. "She's not real vocal...she's more of a 'this is what you do to be successful and follow me.'"

"She's been (Clackamas') number one all year long and has run some real fast times," Hodges said.

Now in her second year of

NWAACC competition at Clackamas, Fairchild is still running hard. Fairchild set a personal record (p.r.) of 19 minutes, 14 seconds, and placed 14th overall in a prestigious invitational hosted by Willamette University on September 30. "I'd eventually like to get down into the 18-minute range," Fairchild said of her p.r. Fairchild does not concern herself with only her individual performances. "Cross country has won the co-ed NWAACC competition six years in a row, and I really want to go for seven," Fairchild said of the overall team picture.

The Clackamas women are a shoe-in for the NWAACC Meet, but the team will be in a dogfight for second place in that meet.

The second-year Clackamas athlete will show her skills at the regional meet on October 28 at Pier Park in Portland and at the NWAACC Championship Meet in Eugene on November 11.



photo by Josh Kehler
Jaime Fairchild, the returning Northwest champion, will lead the Cougars into the regional meet on October 28.

NBA season to be big test for rookies

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The 1995 NBA Draft took from the poor and gave to the rich. A record 10 underclassmen were taken in the first round, which will make this year's rookie class one of the best in history.

Here's a list of the first 15 draft picks and an overall draft report:

1. Golden State: Joe Smith, Maryland forward. Smith, who is easily the most talented player selected in the draft, will bring his all-around skills to a team that surely needs him.

2. L.A. Clippers: Antonio McDyess, Alabama forward. (traded to Denver with Randy Woods for Brent Barry and Rodney Rogers) McDyess will be a good post player, but he won't live up to his lofty #2 status.

3. Philadelphia: Jerry Stackhouse, North Carolina guard. Stackhouse has the most potential of any player in the draft and he proved his worth in leading the Tar Heels to the final four in March.

4. Washington: Rasheed Wallace, North Carolina forward/center. Wallace is the most underdeveloped player in the draft and could have used at least one more year in college. Wallace joins a very strong front line (Chris Webber, Juwan Howard and Gheorghie Muresan) with the Bullets.

5. Minnesota: Kevin Garnett, Farragut Academy (high school) forward. The Timberwolves have taken a big risk in drafting Garnett, who entered the draft as a high school senior. Garnett will either be a big star or the biggest bust in the draft in a long time.

6. Vancouver: Bryant Reeves, Oklahoma State center. Reeves carried his team to the Final Four, but could struggle with limited post skills and slow movement under the basket.

7. Toronto: Damon Stoudamire, Arizona guard. The Portland native will succeed in the NBA due to the fact that he has

tremendous shooting range and strong defensive skills.

8. Portland: Shawn Respert, Michigan State guard. (traded to Milwaukee for Gary Trent) Respert is a good shooter who got many comparisons to one Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Respert will do well with Glenn Robinson and Vin Baker at his sides.

9. New Jersey: Ed O'Bannon, UCLA forward. O'Bannon was greatly overrated at UCLA, and he could be held back by recurring knee problems. He will have a hard time bumping bodies with the big boys. O'Bannon will be a starter at New Jersey, but that's not saying much.

10. Miami: Kurt Thomas, TCU forward. Who? That's what a lot of NBA people said when the Heat took the number one scorer and rebounder in the nation, although his numbers were downplayed by many who pointed to the fact that he played in the Southwest Conference.

11. Milwaukee: Gary Trent, Ohio U. forward. (traded to Portland for Shawn Respert) Trent will make an impact right away with the Trail Blazers, who are now without forwards Otis Thorpe and Jerome Kersey. Trent is small in size, but makes up for it in power and leaping ability.

12. Dallas: Cherokee Parks, Duke forward/center. Parks will fit in well with the Mavericks.

13. Sacramento: Corliss Williamson, Arkansas forward. Williamson was at his best in the NCAA Tourney, but he won't pan out in the NBA. He's too slow inside and doesn't have the skills to compete with bigger players.

14. Boston: Eric Williams, Providence forward. Williams will be a great addition to the Celtics, who desperately need a strong inside player.

15. Denver: Brent Barry, Oregon State guard. (traded to the Clippers) Barry will surprise a lot of people with great passing and ball handling skills. Barry has what it takes to be a good 3-man in the NBA.

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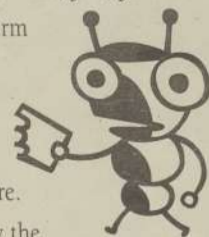
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