

Hawks fly past opposition, inch closer to title

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The first place Portland Winter Hawks went in to last weekend's home games with a 9-point lead over second place Seattle, and with a "magic number" of seven. They are now able to count their "magic number" on one hand.

Taking on the seventh place Tri City Americans Saturday at the Coliseum, the Hawks dominated the game taking home a 4-1 win. Sunday the sixth place Prince



George Cougars came to town only to succumb to a second period goal scoring frenzy by the Hawks, who won 6-3, winning their 41st game of the season. Seattle also played two home games last weekend against Tri City and Prince George, winning both games and keeping them within nine points of first place. However, the Hawks "magic number" was reduced to five.

The Hawks are involved in another race for first place. This is the race for first overall in the entire league. They currently hold a one point lead over the Eastern Division leading, Brandon Wheat Kings. The Hawks have a 41-15-4 record and the Wheat Kings are 42-20-1, having played two more games than the Hawks. The "magic number" to win the league stands at eight with 12 games remaining. A first-place overall finish would secure the Hawks home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

Playing without star forward Brad Isbister and losing tough-guy defenseman Joey Teteranko last weekend to a broken finger, the Hawks are setting out on their last four game road trip of the season. They will meet Kelowna, Kamloops, and Prince George, playing four games in five nights. Seattle has the week off, so it is possible that the Hawks could bring home a "magic number" of one for the Western Division first place title. Their next home game will be March 5 against the Tri-City Americans.

The race for the last playoff spot in the West is still between three teams with a mere three points separating them. The Hawks will either face Kamloops, Prince George, or Tri City in round one which is set to begin March 21.



Cougars warm up, expect strong spring

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The Clackamas track team looks to build on last year's success.

Last year the men and women placed third and fourth, respectively. Head Coach Mike Hodges feels the team has progressed well and sees the "potential for a very strong team."

Hodges feels Clackamas has can place at least in the top three in both men's and women's. He also sees the potential for the men to win the championship and the women to place in the top two.

The Cougars have a strong group of distance runners.

Sophomore Travis Armstrong, will defend his 1,500 meter Northwestern Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championship this year. Armstrong also placed first in the mile at the University of Washington indoor meet on Jan. 22.

Sophomore Evan Goin placed first in the 1,500 in the southern regionals last year and Kasey Johnson placed second in the 800 at NWAACC.

Clackamas also has a strong freshman group.

Andy Bradley was the Nevada state champion in the one and two-mile distances. Eric Eidsvik, Bellingham high school, Wash., will compete in the 800-5,000 meter competitions and David Lemarr will run the 1,500-10,000 races.

David Lee is strong in the 800-5,000 meter races and fellow Putnam alumni Jay Hawkey is strong in the 800 and 1,500 meter distances.

Freshman Jennifer Rea, Clarkston, Wash., will run the 1,500-10,000 races after placing third in cross country.

Sophomore Rebecca Graham, Clackamas high school, is strong in the 3,000-10,000 distances and placed sixth in the cross country NWAACC championships last year. Jenny Newell, Tigard, placed seventh in cross country last fall

and will compete in the 1,500 to 10,000 meter races.

Mishe Simantel, Oregon City, will compete in the 5,000-10,000 meter distances. Jaime Reidy, Molalla, was injured during cross country, but Hodges feels she will be a strong distance runner.

Freshman Kendel White, Hillsboro, placed ninth in cross country last fall. White is already in the school's top ten in the 800 after running it in 23.4 seconds at the Bill Cosby Invitational.



"Kendel is the best 800 [distance runner] we have had in a long time," said Hodges.

Clackamas has several freshman sprinters on the team.

Mychal Trawick, Curtis, was the Washington state champion at the 400 meter high jump. Trawick recently placed first in the 400 at the Bill Cosby Invitational.

Dantè Betha, Grant, was second in Oregon in 200 and 400 meters and Ulysses Steward, Garfield in Seattle, Wash., went to state in the 100 and 200 meter races.

Amanda Bradley, Olympia, will participate in the 100, 200, 400 and relays.

Careina Cota, Lebanon, and Mishel Michelle Wimberley, Reynolds, will participate in the 100, 200 and relay races. Jenni Pole, Whidbey Island, is "particularly good" in the 400 and relay races.

The men lack experience in the hurdles, but "they are untested, but have a lot of poten-

tial," said Hodges.

Chad McIntyre, Aloha, is a sophomore but is returning after spending several years in the Marines. He will compete in the hurdles. Freshman Andrew Evensen, Franklin high school, and Mark Gibson, Canby, will also participate.

Becky Eames, Cle Elum, Wash., is recovering from knee-cap surgery, but will represent the women in the hurdles. Eames is expected back in April or early May.

Jaimee Brown a freshman from, Franklin, is a member of the women's relay team and competes in the high jump.

Tristan Sharp, Molalla, comes to Clackamas after becoming the state champion in shotput and recording the longest women's throw in Oregon last year.

Sophomore Kristi Chamberlen, placed in NWAACC last year in the shot put and will throw the discuss and hammer.

Karilynn Davidson, Hood River, will compete in the pole vault and Nateisha Flanigan, Tacoma, will compete in the shot put, discuss and hammer.

Jeremie Schafer, Canby, and Gibson will compete in the triple jump. Jeremy also participates in the long jump for Clackamas.

Sophomores Eli Townsend, Estacada, and Bill Jones compete in the pole vault. Jones placed

second in NWAACC last year and holds the school record.

Phil Elle, Vancouver, and sophomore Vasili Tsirimiagos, Aloha, will also compete in the pole vault.

Scott Hein, Newberg, is on Clackamas' top ten list for javelin. Heath Fisher, Canby, went to state his junior year in the javelin.

Aaron Stacey is strong in the shot put, discuss, and is currently learning the hammer.

Several Cougars participated on their own in the George Fox indoor meet last weekend.

Shawn Davis, South Medford, competes in the shotput, discuss and hammer. Last weekend he threw the hammer 168 ft, a personal best by 6 feet 2 inches.

Fisher threw the javelin 183 ft. in his first college throw (the college javelin does not go as far). His throw was near Clackamas' ten, but would not count because the meet was not part of the schedule.

Sam Brown, a freshman from Yakima, went 21 ft. 1.5 in. in the long jump. Brown will participate in the decathlon for Clackamas this year and is strong in the long and high jump.

Clackamas will participate in their first outdoor meet Saturday in the University of Washington Open. The meet is not scored, but will count for qualifying times.

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| 3/24 Centralia College (DH) | 1 p.m. | 4/12 Olympic College (DH) | 2 p.m. | | |
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| 4/18 SWOCC (9 inn.) | 3 p.m. | 5/1 S. Puget Sound (DH) | 3 p.m. | | |
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