

'Throwers don't run'

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Kristi Chamberlen

- Holds three spots on Clackamas All-Time list
- discus
- shot put
- hammer
- 3.35 grade-point average
- High School Awards:
 - Outstanding female athlete
 - Outstanding female track athlete

Having qualified in three events for the NWAACC championships and placed in all three events on the all-time list, Kristi Chamberlen, a sophomore at Clackamas, has proven to be a valued member of the Cougar track team.

Chamberlen is a "thrower." She competes in discus, hammer and shot put. According to Chamberlen, "Throwers don't run."

Chamberlen currently holds three spots on the all-time school record list. In the discus event, the throwing of a disk that weighs about two pounds, she is number six with a distance of 123'9". In the shot put, a weight of almost nine pounds, her farthest throw is 41'10".

She holds the number five spot on the all-time list for shot put. And, as a first year hammer competitor, Chamberlen is second on the all-time list. She has thrown 123'6". The hammer also weighs almost nine pounds.

"I have always been able to compete with the guys," Chamberlen claims.

She has been competing in the shot put and discus events since she was in the fifth grade. Her school did not have a softball team, so track was left. According to Chamberlen she caught on quick and it seemed easy to her.

Chamberlen graduated from Wahtonka High School in 1995 and was recruited to Clackamas by track coach Mike Hodges.

"It's not dull and gloomy here like other schools. It's kind of peaceful," Chamberlen said of the college.

In high school, Chamberlen achieved a number of honors: Outstanding Girl Athlete for all sports her senior year, and Outstanding Girl Track Athlete her junior and senior years.

Chamberlen was named district



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Sophomore Kristi Chamberlen has qualified in three events for the NWAACC championship tournament. She ranked fifth in nationals last year in shot put.

champion both her junior and senior years.

In her junior year, she placed third in state for the shot put. In her senior year, she was sixth in state for discus and fourth in state for shot put.

Chamberlen was also a student of the month and a varsity player on the volleyball, basketball, softball and track teams in high school.

Last year at Clackamas, Chamberlen ranked fifth in nationals for the shot put event.

She placed fifth in the NWAACC. Chamberlen was a member of the Clackamas volleyball team for the 95-96 school year until she was injured. She decided to focus on track.

Chamberlen said her volleyball experience "was the first time I've ever been on a team where people got along."

Currently she is not on any other sports teams.

With her 3.35 cumulative GPA, Chamberlen will be graduating from Clackamas this June.

She plans to go on and achieve her AA in general studies, majoring in

drafting and, hopefully, minoring in graphics.

She is considering attending Washington State Technical School or Yakima Technical and Columbia Business College.

"If a four-year school will take me I'll go. I hope to have my own business someday," Chamberlen said.

As far as sports go she would like to compete unattached as much as possible.

"I was never pushed to get into sports. I'm a very competitive person," Chamberlen said.

Chamberlen thanks her teammates for a great year.

"I'm gonna miss them, and good luck at the NWAACCs," she said. "I would like to thank Mike Hodges, Jack Kegg and Al Morris for all the time and effort they've put into helping me succeed, and I'm gonna miss them. Don't worry Hodges, I'll be back."

Chamberlen is qualified in all three of her events for the NWAACCs. She invites everyone to come and watch her at the tournament.

Cougars place fourth at Regionals

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After a pleasing weekend at the Southern Region Championships, Clackamas came home with a fourth place title for the championships.

Coach Hodges feels everyone performed well at the meet. He is happy with the outcome.

In the discus, Shawn Davis placed fourth with a distance of 140'07".

Davis also placed first in the hammer throw with a distance of 173'01".

In the shot put, Davis placed second and set a season's best with a distance of 48'02".

In the pole vault, Bill Jones was unable to compete due to a sprained ankle, but there were still some outstanding performances. Eli Townsend placed third with a height of 15'.

In addition to his performance at the championships this weekend, Townsend also pole vaulted in the Oregon Track Classic and set a new personal record of 16'.

Phil Elle placed fifth in the pole vault with a height of 14'. Elle's distance was a personal record and a qualifying mark of the NWAACCs.

In the long jump, Townsend placed sixth with a distance of 21'01.25".

In the preliminaries of the 800-meter run, Kasey Johnson placed first with a time of 1:56.60. Just behind him was Travis Armstrong at 1:56.62. In sixth place was Dave Lee with 1:58.87. Lee's performance earned him a qualifying mark, and he set a personal record.

In the second heat of the same race, Andy Bradley placed fourth with a time of 1:56.65. Jay Hawkey placed sixth and set a season's best with a time of 2:02.76.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, Travis Armstrong placed second with a time of 9:25.82. Also in that event was Jeromy Benson. He placed sixth and received a qualifying mark of a time of 9:48.28.

The relay team composed of Townsend, Vasili Tsirimiagos, Chad McIntyre and Dante Betha placed fourth in the 400 meter relay.

Andy Bradley placed fifth in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:01.32.

In the 110 meter high hurdles Chad McIntyre placed second and made tenth on the all-time list with a time of 15.33.

Dante Betha placed third in the 100 meter dash. His time was 11.06 and he earned a qualifying mark.

In the 800 meter run Kasey Johnson placed second and set a personal record with a time of 1:55.25.

Travis Armstrong placed fifth with a time of 1:57.06, and Andy Bradley placed sixth at 1:57.81.

In the 400 meter intermediate hurdles Drew Evansen placed third and earned a qualifying mark with a time of 56.59.

Mark Gibson placed fifth and set a personal record with a time of 57.79.

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