

WHL Champs locked in on Memorial Cup

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The Portland Winter Hawks and their fans can finally breathe a sigh of relief. The monkey is off their backs and the Hawks are the 1997-1998 Western Hockey League Champions, for the first time since 1983.

The president's trophy is back in the Rose City.

However, the Hawks will not stop at the WHL, they are off to Spokane this week to take on three of junior hockey's best in the 1998 Memorial Cup.

The Hawks completed their series with the Brandon Wheat Kings last Friday night in Manitoba. Winning games one and two in Portland, the Hawks set out to win it all in Brandon. The 'never-say-die' Hawks took game 3 by a score of 7-2 and rode the excellent goaltending of Brent Belecki to win Game 4, 4-3, completing a sweep of the Wheat Kings and winning the league title.

As the Hawks piled off Belecki, the president's trophy was awarded to captain Joey Tetarenko, and the honor of league most valuable player was awarded to none other than Brent Belecki.

The Hawks were welcomed home by 200 fans waiting in the Coliseum parking lot at 4 a.m. the following day. Chants of "we want the cup" were heard as the players filed off the bus. Coach Brent Peterson thanked the fans as the tired-looking players shook hands and showed their appreciation for all the people who had been waiting outside for more than two hours.

Another welcome home event will be held if the Hawks can complete their one last goal of winning the Memorial Cup.

The Hawks are enjoying their accomplishments but are very focused on the huge goal at hand.

They will practice this week, then head off to Spokane on Thursday.

The tournament will begin on Saturday May 9 with the championship game being Sunday May 17.

Four of junior hockey's best will compete in a round-robin tournament with the team finishing with the best record advancing to the championship game while seed 5 and 3 will play in the semi-final for a chance at the number one finisher. The Hawks are hoping that number 1 seed will be them.

"We're pretty confident, if we work hard and play our best hockey we will be fine," says goaltender Jason Labarbera.

Although the Hawks' mission is not quite complete, Portland fans have a lot to be proud of: winning the regular season title, the Western division, the Western Hockey League, and having the league's MVP. This record setting season will never be forgotten.

Cougars sprint through record season, Lemen wins decathlon

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The track and field season gets shorter and shorter with each passing day.

As each meet is completed, records are broken and every athlete recognizes the fast-approaching championships that loom ahead.

Throughout this spring season, the Cougars have overcome hurdles and bars to reach greatness.

The latest such accomplishment was made by freshman David Lemen.

Coming out of high school, Lemen was one of the top-ranked decathletes in the nation.

Last week, Lemen claimed the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's [NWAACC] title as his own in the 10-event contest.

"David is just a phenomenal athlete," noted Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg. "He wasn't leading the decathlon until after the ninth event. The last event was the 1500 which is not his best event."

Lemen needed to finish behind Lane's Bill Pappas no more than five seconds to win the title.

Heading into the final 400m, the Clackamas athlete was 10 seconds behind Pappas.

"David found something inside him that pushed himself past what he thought he was capable of doing," said Kegg. "He just went out and got it done."

Lemen finished the race only two seconds behind Pappas, winning the decathlon by a narrow 20 points.

Along with Lemen's decathlon, Clackamas athletes also participated in the University of Oregon Invitational as well as the Clark College Invitational.

"Both were fairly successful meets," said Kegg. "They prepared us for this week's Southern Region Championships."

Clackamas will travel to Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham to participate in the championships this Friday. Events cover two days.

"The men's side of competition is very close," noted Kegg. "Four schools are within 12 points of each other. Clackamas and Clark are only two points apart from each other



Sophomore Dante Betha anchors a successful squad of Clackamas sprinters this weekend at the Southern Region Championships.

and both of us should contend for the title.

"The women should be fighting for third with Mt. Hood." Clackamas first begins competition at 1 p.m.

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team with a single, double and a triple as she was 3-5 from plate in the Cougars' 11-2 win in the first game.

In the second game, Williams was perfect going 4-4 with a single and three doubles.

"She was definitely our star of the day," said Assistant Coach Louie Nasuta. "She was stellar."

On Sunday, Clackamas pitchers dominated Olympic batters as the Cougars recorded 7-1,

5-2 victories.

With the team's victories in their final seven games, the Cougars can qualify for the championship tournament with playoff victories over Centralia and the loser of the Mt. Hood-Southwestern game this Saturday.

A Clackamas loss in either contest, the league would be guaranteed of a new northwest champion.

The Cougars have won the league title seven times in the past ten years.



Dani Soldani is hitting .354 and is among the team leaders in runs batted in.

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Baseball: Bats fall silent against LB

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Sunday in a doubleheader at Clackamas. The games were originally scheduled to be played on Saturday, but were postponed due to rain.

This was a day Coach Robin Robinson and his team would like to forget. Clackamas committed eight errors in an 8-4 loss in game one and four more in game two, falling 16-4.

After allowing six runs in the first inning, sophomore starter Bryan Hostetler pitched extremely well. Hostetler, who was the losing pitcher, went 6 2/3 innings, allowing three earned runs on eight hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Sophomore Adam Edwards and Suyama had two hits apiece to lead the Cougars.

In game two, Clackamas never got things going. The Cougars allowed 16 runs on only 12 hits and had just six hits themselves.

Salinas was credited with the loss, dropping his record to 4-3 on the year.

Sophomore Andy Ortmyer was the Cougars' lone bright spot. Ortmyer was 2-3 with a double, a homerun and three RBI's.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 8-10 in league play and 13-18 overall.

Clackamas played host to Lane yesterday in a single nine inning game but results were unavailable at press time.

The Cougars play single games at Linfield [today] and Chemeketa [Thursday] before hosting a doubleheader against Chemeketa on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.



Freshman Rian Alden sets himself in right field.

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