

# Track: Individuals step up to win team title

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They stepped up when we really needed them to."

Throughout the two-day long meet held at Mt. Hood Community College, Clackamas had a number of athletes record strong marks.

"It's hard to identify any particular athlete," noted Kegg. "We had so many competitors that had strong meets."

Dante Betha captured titles in the 200m and 400m as well as anchoring on the winning 4x400 relay team.

"Dante had an incredible meet," said Kegg. "He really stepped up for us in that final leg of the relay."

"Ricardo [Colon] had an incredible leg in that race as well. He ran a 47.3 split time which is just amazing."

Andy Bradley won the 1500m run in 3:59.55—finishing ahead of four Mt. Hood runners.

Tony Butkovich beat out four other high jumpers that all passed 6'2". Butkovich won the event on attempts.

Colon led a tight group of Clackamas long

jumpers. He finished first while Butkovich, Otto Sanjdr and David Lemen finished 3, 4, 5 respectively.

On the women's side of competition, the Cougars finished an expected fourth in the standings behind solid performances by a number of athletes.

Jennifer Rea was the only Clackamas female athlete to win an event.

Rea captured both the 3000m and the 5000m titles.

"She had a good day," said Kegg. "She actually ended up finishing in some of her worst times all year but still managed to get things done for us."

"Jon'L Daley was another athlete that really stepped up for us. She finished second in the high jump and placed in the hurdles which we weren't expecting."

Clackamas travels to Spokane, Wash. next Wednesday to compete in the league championships at the end of the week.

—Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg was named the Southern Region's Men's Coach of the Year.

## Southern Region Championships

### Men's Results

Rank	School	Score
1.	Clackamas	206
2.	Mt. Hood	193
3.	Clark	175
4.	Lane	140
5.	Chemeketa	57
6.	Linn-Benton	26
7.	Southwestern	1

### Women's Results

Rank	School	Score
1.	Mt. Hood	212
2.	Clark	203
3.	Lane	149
4.	Clackamas	102
5.	Chemeketa	69
6.	Linn-Benton	27
7.	Southwestern	20
8.	Lower Columbia	1



Ricardo Colon wins a preliminary race in the 100m dash. He finished second in the finals.

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# Softball: Cougars can't catch breaks in tough season

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we played five innings."

Clackamas was faced with a loser-out game earlier in the day against Centralia.

In a rollercoaster ride that saw three lead changes, Clackamas won a thrilling game 13-7.

Comstock started on the mound and was successful holding the Trailblazers to only one run through four innings.

Meanwhile, Clackamas jumped all over Centralia early.

Williams led off the game with a triple. Smith then hit a deep fly ball for a sacrifice fly that scored the freshman catcher.

Centralia then scored one run in the top of the fourth to tie the contest.

In the Cougars' half of the inning, Clackamas unleashed for five runs while Williams hit her second triple of the day.

Centralia then rebounded with two runs in the fifth to make the score 6-3.

After failing to score in the bottom of the fifth, Clackamas saw Centralia take the lead 7-6 on two triples, a double and a number of fielding errors made by the Cougars.

Coach Nasuta relieved Comstock in the inning with Smythe.

In the bottom of the inning, Clackamas exploded for seven runs on a string of extra-base hits.

Sophomore shortstop Lisa Hosford started things off with a double that scored two runs. Smith followed with an RBI triple. Cecily Burton then hit an RBI double to score Smith and then sophomore third baseman Dani Soldani hit an RBI triple.

"That was pretty amazing to see," noted Nasuta. "A double, triple, double, triple has got to be pretty rare."

The victory eliminated Centralia from the playoffs and sent the Cougars against the Saints in the afternoon game.

"This was a great game to coach and a great game for the fans," noted Nasuta.

At last report, Clackamas third baseman Dani Soldani was the only sophomore planning on continuing her softball career as she is scheduled to attend the Oregon Institute of

Technology next fall. Two of Soldani's teammates last year, Robin Viol and Joell Whitton play for the southern Oregon school.

"As far as the returning freshmen," noted Nasuta. "A number of the players are undecided on whether they will return. Some have shown interest in playing at another school while others are getting burned out and are thinking about not playing at all."

Despite the Cougars' full lineup of talented players, Clackamas never seemed to play at top form for a consistent period of time.

"We talked about it all year," said Nasuta. "We just couldn't catch any breaks all year. I talked with Paul [Fiskum, Clackamas head coach on a one-year sabbatical] and he said the same thing.

Any of our teams in the last few years could have finished completely different if one or two things didn't go our way. This year, we didn't catch any of those breaks that we did last year. It just wasn't in the cards for us this season."



Freshman pitcher Megan Smythe recorded both the win and the loss this weekend.

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