

Cougar SIDELINES

Cougar Football

The first annual Pigskin Pandemonium is set for Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 20 and 22 from 12-1 p.m.

The friendly football games are open to Clackamas students and staff. Teams will be six players, co-ed, and a minimum of two players from each gender must be represented.

High action and low action levels are offered.

For more information, call ext. 2298.

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Spirit, hard work leads small squad

Clackamas determined for success as strong competition looms ahead

JOHN THORBURN
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams have had a tough but successful start to their season.

The Cougars remain contenders in the hunt for a Southern Region title despite having only five competitors on the women's side of the course while the men face strong competition in the nearby Mt. Hood Saints.

"The men and women are steadily improving every week," said first-year Head Coach Mike Hickey. "The men have a good shot at the Southern Region title and an outside shot at the north-west title.

"The women have a great team attitude," added Hickey. "We only have five runners and all five are very good, but it makes it tough. It's great to watch them, though, because their spirit really brings the team together."

At the recent Willamette University Invite on Saturday, the women turned in a hard-fought performance.

Tyana Moralez was the first Cougar to cross the finish line with a season's best time of 19:18.

Coach Hickey's top freshman recruit, Tiffany Edwards, soon followed at 20:46.

Emily Schmierer [21:29], Erin Stapish [22:24] and Jamie Reidy [22:50] rounded out the Cougars' competitors.

Stapish, also a starting outfielder on last year's softball team,



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Clackamas Cross Country 1998: The Cougars have been successful in the team's early going and look to have a strong showing in the upcoming Southern Region Championships as well as the 1998 NWAACC Championships in November.

and Reidy each earned season's best times.

On the men's side, the Cougars finished 12th among 32 schools competing in at the meet held at Bush Park in Salem.

Ahrlin Bauman led Clackamas in the 8150 meters as he finished 20th in a time of 25:59. Bauman earned himself an all-star award for his personal best finish.

Paul Kezes was the second Cougar runner to finish as he placed 41st among 298 competitors as he recorded a time of 26:41.

Tim Winter [27:14], Andy Monhead [27:45], Jason Bennet [27:49], Jay Hawkey [28:09] and Andrew Wall [28:11] also recorded times for Clackamas.

Winter, Monhead, Bennet and Hawkey all recorded personal bests.

This week, Clackamas travels to Tacoma, Washington to compete in the Pacific Lutheran Invite.

"Our success will really depend on the training and conditioning we do in the next month," noted Coach Hickey.

• The Clackamas Cross Country Team is headed up by a new face this fall.

Former Clackamas runner Mike Hickey [1992-94] takes over for Mike Hodges -one of the most successful coaches in league history. Hickey won two NWAACC individual championships as a Cougar.

"As a coach," noted Hickey "I'm using the same fundamentals that Mike Hodges used. It just works."

Moss: New teammates support troubled player

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good kid.

It's easy to say "once a troublemaker, always a troublemaker," but people can change and clean up their act, much like cleaning up a room. Something clicked in his mind after he was forced out of his second college. Randy cleaned himself up. He went back to West Virginia, where Marshall University offered him a scholarship. They may have been a poor team, but a chance was a chance.

Randy responded quickly to the chance, catching 78 passes for 1709 yards and 28 touchdowns and averaging 34.5 yards pre kickoff return as a freshman. He broke several of Jerry Rice's receiving records that year. That performance prompted Marshall to move up to the toughest Division, Division 1-A. Randy put up phenomenal numbers the next year (1997), catching 90 passes for 1647 yards and 25 touchdowns while breaking his own records and setting several new ones. He even finished in the top five in Heisman Trophy voting (awarded to college football's Best Player.).

He entered the National Football League draft last spring where he was expected to be a Top Five pick. But reputations follow you, and his highly public reputation

caused him to drop to the 21st overall pick. There the Minnesota Vikings picked him, seeing a person who has been clean of all problems for two years.

This was the best thing to ever happen to him. Coach Dennis Green had a reputation himself. He was known for cleaning up troubled people, and Randy has been clean for two years.

To ensure further progress, Randy has chosen fellow teammate Cris Carter (an All-Pro and future Hall of Famer who used to be abusive and Mixed up in Alcohol and drugs, but has been clean for over 10 years and is now an ordained minister) as a mentor, buying a house next door to him.

Living next to Cris both in-season and off-season, Randy has shown more improvement, quickly becoming one of the teams most popular and productive players. He leads the Vikings in three out of four receiving categories with 22 catches for 463 yards and 6 touchdowns while averaging 21.0 yards per catch after just five games.

Improving more every day, Randy has now achieved what he always wanted -playing on the same NFL team as his half-brother Eric Moss for teammates and fans that love him. Randy is on his way to a Hall of Fame and All-Pro career, and this time around, nothing can stop him.

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