

Cougars finish 3rd, 5th to close out year

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The Clackamas Cross Country Teams closed out their 1998 campaign with success at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges [NWAACC] championships two weeks ago in Spokane.

The men's squad placed third in the team standings behind champion Spokane and rival Mt. Hood.

The women's team placed fifth behind Spokane, Mt. Hood, Clark and Lane, respectively.

"As a coach I am very pleased," said Clackamas Head Coach Mike Hickey, who completed his first year as a coach this fall. "We had a very successful season that was capped off by some great performances by the athletes at the NWAACC championships."

In the men's race, Ahrlin Bauman was the first Clackamas runner to finish as he crossed the line for 14th in 27:08.

Paul Kezes placed 16th in 27:12 while Chris Chatfield finished in 27:30 for 19th.

Tim Winter [27:33] placed 21st, Jason Bennett followed in 27:40 while Andrew Wall [27:47] and Andy Monhead [27:53] finished 23rd and 25th, respectively.

"In the men's race we wanted to have seven runners in the top 25," noted Hickey. "We did that and that's a great accomplishment."

"Ahrlin really went out and tried



Oregon City graduate Chris Chatfield placed 19th last week in the NWAACC Cross Country Championships, where Clackamas placed 3rd in the men's race and 5th in the women's race. Photo courtesy of Jon'L Daley.

to win the race and when you do that you risk a lot. He just didn't have it that day but he realizes that he has many days of running ahead in his future."

In the women's race, Tyana Moralez was the first Cougar to finish, as she came in at 13th in 20:13.

Emily Schmierer was the next

Clackamas runner to place in 21:30 for 27th.

Tiffany Edwards followed in 33rd in 21:56 while Erin Stapish [22:29] came in at 37th and Jamie Reidy [24:30] crossed in at 48th.

"If I was told at the beginning of the year that, with only five girls on the squad, that we would be this successful, I wouldn't believe it," noted Hickey. "Throughout the year we've sort of pieced things together."

"Both the men's and the women's teams had great races. Every athlete recorded personal best times except for Jamie [Reidy]. She has been really battling with some illnesses these last few weeks. Throughout the year she's struggled staying healthy, and every race I told her that the team could get by without her but she insisted on competing. She really gutted it out. I'm very proud of her."

Clackamas placed fourth in the combined team standings while Spokane, once again, took the title.

"We had a great season," said Hickey. "It gives us something to really look forward to in the distance races for track this Spring."



Sophomore Jamie Reidy, shown above competing in last month's Southern Region championships, showed "great strength and determination" in this year's NWAACC Championships. Photo Courtesy of Jon'L Daley.



Andrew Wall [left] and Jason Bennett finished 23rd and 22nd in the NWAACC Championships two weeks ago in Spokane. Photo Courtesy of Jon'L Daley.

U of O vs. OSU: Civil War game looks to be no battle this year

It's late November again, which means it's time for the "Civil War" game, the annual grudge match between University of Oregon and Oregon State University.

For the 4-6 Beavers (1-6 in the Pac-10), this is their bowl game. Every year they circle this game on their schedule and get ready to play their best football of the year. Although they lost the last 3 games, they are three botched plays away from being 7-3. With Jonathan Smith playing in the last 3 games they are averaging 29.3 points per game, which would be 38th in the nation if that was their season average. The Beavers are playing some of their best football this decade, and they only expect to get better for the Civil War.

Unfortunately for OSU though, their defense hasn't improved quite as much. They are giving up over 25 points

per game, allowing an average of 32 points the last three. This will severely hamper their chances at winning this Saturday.

The outlook for the 8-2 [5-2 in the Pac-10] Ducks looks much better. After the loss to Arizona three games ago, Oregon can't afford to lose any more games if they want to stay in the top 15. This shouldn't be a problem for the 15th ranked Ducks, though.

They are 8th in the nation in scoring average with 38.9 points per game, having outscored their opponents 389 to 233 through 10 games of play. They also have scored at least 33 points in every game this year except one, scoring as much as 63 points against Stanford [a team record].

U of O quarterback Akili Smith [a Heisman Trophy candidate] is the leader of this explosive offense. He is the second rated passer in the nation with a

172.6. He is in the Top 10 in passing yards and touchdowns [with 2877 passing yards and 26 touchdowns passes], while ranked number 8 in total offense. He led Oregon to a 51-19 victory last week against an Arizona State team that beat OSU 24-3.

For the Beavers, Jonathan Smith has thrown for 1044 yards in his last 3 games. However, he has been very inaccurate, only completing 41.6% of his passes while throwing 5 interceptions. He has also thrown a touchdown in only one of those 3 games, and against U of O's tough defense; this type of sloppy passing will result in a lot of interceptions.

U of O's offense is among College Football's best, ranked 10th in the nation overall, averaging 479.9 yards per game and had 664 total yards in a game earlier this year. In the last two games, U of O's Akili Smith has gained 839 passing yards and thrown 7 touchdowns the last two



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