



Cougars in the hunt again

Play Ball!

Beginning June 2, 1999 two Summer Slow Pitch Softball divisions will be formed, with a limit of eight teams per division [ASA D & E] for the League. Registration has begun.

Teams registered and paid in full by May 14th will receive half a dozen free softballs. Entry fee is \$470.

D Division games will be held every Tuesday and Thursday. E Division games will be held every Monday and Wednesday.

Each League is guaranteed 16 games and a League Championship.

For more information call 503-657-6958 ext. 2298

Cougar Classic

Come support the Clackamas Cougars in Basketball.

There will be a two-day tournament beginning April 24th, Saturday and ending April 25th, Sunday.

Information is available in CC140 or you can call James Gould at 503-657-6958 ext. 2247

Tennis

On May 1st, Saturday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. tennis tournaments will be held which consist of mix and match pool play format.

There is a \$15 registration fee to be submitted when submitting the registration form. Entries must be turned in to Randall Hall [R-005] by 3 p.m. Thursday, April 29th.

JOHN THORBURN
Sports Editor

The Clackamas track and field squad is fired up after last week's Southern Region Preview.

"We look to be a lot stronger than we expected," said Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg. "Both our men's and our women's teams can contend for a Southern Region title. This year the region is very competitive."

At the day-long Preview held in Eugene this past Saturday, the Cougars realized exactly how they stack up against the other Oregon community colleges.

In the women's events, Stephanie Costanza, a recently-acquired transfer from Portland State University finished third in the 3K race in a time of 11:34.

Erin Stapish, a starting right fielder for the Clackamas softball team one year ago, finished ninth in the 800m race with a mark of 2:37—an improvement of 10 seconds on her previous recorded times.

Lorna DeFreest placed fourth in the shot put, with a throw of 37'3", to qualify for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges [NWAACC] championships in May.

In the javelin, Jennifer Gardner won the event with a throw of 142'5", which is a school record with the league's new javelin.

Trina Rogers placed third, with a mark of 130'3".

"I expect Jennifer and Trina to finish 1-2 in the Southern Region and possibly in the NWAACC," noted Kegg. "Jennifer is right on track, and Trina has thrown 141' earlier in the season to put her right up there, as well."

In the men's events, Tony Perkins and Ricky Greiner tied for third place in the 100m dash with marks of 11.00 seconds, the fastest time recorded this season by either sprinter.

Ahrlin Bauman and Jason Fryberg finished 1-2, respectively, in the 5K race, while Tim Winter placed fourth.

Erik Anderson won the 400m



Javelin thrower Jared Tippets qualified for the NWAACC Championships with a mark of 178'10" at the 1999 Southern Region Preview in Eugene last Saturday.

hurdles event with a personal best time of 54.6 seconds. That mark places him eighth on the school's all-time list.

Erik Bond finished second in the 3000m steeplechase with a personal best time of 10:40.

In the high jump, Mike Bonader and Ammond Bemis placed second and third, each recording heights of 62 1/2".

In the javelin, Mike Rivers threw 186' for first place and Jared Tippets threw an NWAACC-qualifying mark of 178'10".

"Mike should finish in the top three at NWAACCs this spring," noted Kegg.

In the discus, Corey Loebel, a transfer from Oregon State, finished 4th with a mark of 134'10".

Peter Schmidlin threw 47'11" for a personal record and a second place finish in the shot put. Loebel finished fourth with a mark of 42'8".

In the pole vault, Matt Darling placed second with a height of 12'.

"We battled through snow, rain and hail all afternoon, so some of our top pole vaulters didn't com-

pete," added Kegg.

"We have 11 women competing and 29 men competing," noted Kegg. "We don't have some of the big numbers that some of the other schools carry but all of our athletes are scorers for us. All of them are excellent in their events."

"In the South it will be Mt. Hood, Clackamas and Clark. In the NWAACCs, the Southern Region winner will either finish second or third. The Washington schools are just too good and Spokane is just incredible."

NFL Draft: an analysis

Many factors can determine the future of an NFL franchise, but perhaps none has as great an impact as the NFL draft.

Just think about where the Green Bay Packers would be if they had chosen Barry Sanders with the number two overall pick in 1989 instead of Tony Mandarich, and what would have become of Detroit?

If New England had chosen Rick Mirer in 1993, leaving Seattle with Drew Bledsoe as their pick, just imagine the changes that would have occurred in the fortunes of the two franchises.

This year's NFL draft is no exception. As the weeks close in towards the draft on April 17 and 18, the fortunes of franchises will be

determined as the careers of the players involved take different turns.

Although no pick is ever a sure thing, as Ki-Jana Carter proved in 1995, teams will mortgage their future when the final choices are made. Here is a look at five of the top prospects in the draft [not including Ricky Williams and Tim Couch].

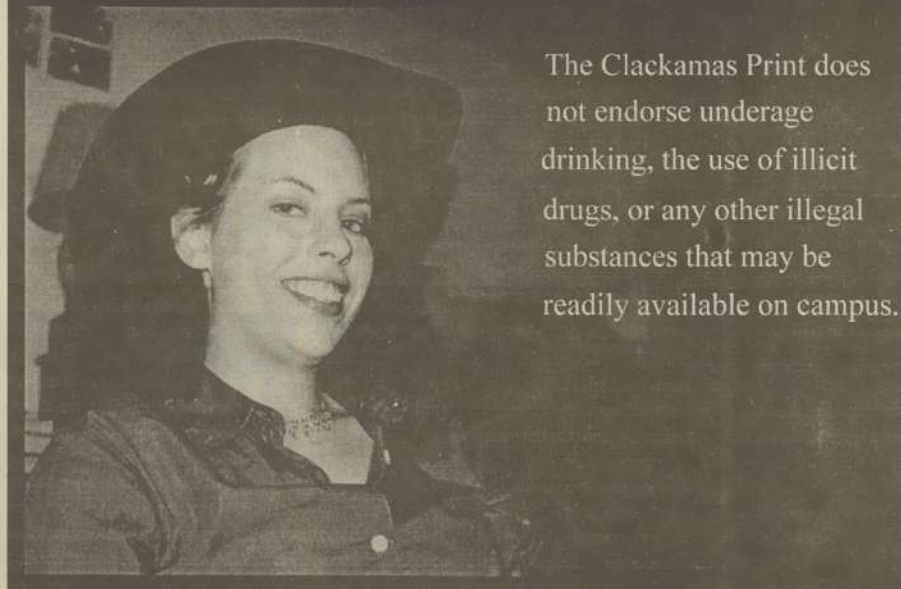
Akili Smith Quarterback-Oregon

Smith is considered the most physically talented quarterback in the draft. He possesses the ability to throw while on the run, without losing much in terms of speed and accuracy. The ball comes out of his hand like a ball coming out of a jugs machine. He has an extremely quick release, and one of the fastest drop backs around, which results from his stance under the center [his left

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