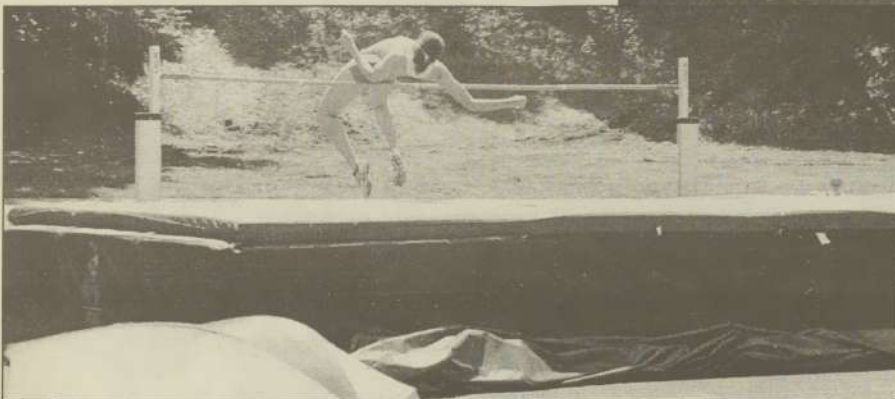


Track & Field

Championships
ahead for Cougars

[Above] Mary Murphy wins the high jump event at the Mt. Hood Open last Saturday.

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The Clackamas track team is counting down; they are two weeks away from the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Championships.

The team has spent all season competing in many different meets to qualify in their events, just to be eligible for the championships.

Last week, Jack Kegg's squad competed in the Mt. Hood Open, with Lane and the University of Oregon. The remaining women athletes who had not qualified for NWAACC Championships in their events were able to do so at the twilight meet.

"Jazzmin Reece in the triple jump qualified for NWAACCs 33'11 1/2", explained Kegg. "Cassie

Moorehouse ran a qualifier in the intermediate hurdles (personal best), and Rachel Austin qualified in the 100 meter dash (12.78 season's best) with the number eight all time school record; we have a qualifier in every event on the women's side right now,"

Clackamas hopes to win a championship title that has not belonged to the Clackamas women's team since 1993.

"We are in good shape on the women's side going into championships, trying to win the Southern region and the NWAACC," Kegg added. "The women dominated the whole show at the last meet and they are leading up to a good NWAACC Championship and a chance to win. The nice thing is that all of our girls are just getting over injuries and they are getting healthy again."

If the Mt. Hood meet was any

indication of the performances expected at the Southern Region Championships or the NWAACC Championships, then the women's team is on the road to a title.

The team continues to break school and personal records.

"I think that one of the highlights of the meet was Becky Holliday in the pole vault—she went 11', which is the school record, and now she is leading the NWAACC," noted Kegg. "After Becky broke the school record in the vault, after having a good heptathlon in the multi's, (she) qualified in the 800 for NWAACC's."

"We had some outstanding performances overall. Mary Murphy came off of her multi's with a good high jump this week. Sarah Block had a season's best in the 1500 (15:12.71)."

In addition, the women's short relay squad beat Mt. Hood for the



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[Above] Mike Bonadurer leaps over a 6'6" high jump bar to take first at the Mt. Hood Open in Gresham last Saturday. The sophomore jumper is the favorite heading into this weekend's Southern Region championships.

first time this year, running 49.88, which is number six in the school's history. Although the women dominated the picture, the men also had some highlights in their events.

"Eric Anderson in the 400 hurdles ran an NWAACC- leading 15.13, which is 2/10's of a second off his personal best last year, so he is in good shape to win an NWAACC title," said Kegg.

Ryan Coleman ran a season's best of 50.62 in the 400m; the 400m relay also had a season's best of 43.00 and JoShawn Douglas ran a season's best in of 11.32 in the 100m dash.

This Friday and Saturday, May 12/13, the Clackamas team will compete in the Southern Region Championships in Salem; Thursday and Friday, May 25/26, Clackamas will compete at the NWAACC championships at home.

"Our women are looking really

good—they are coming on at the right time," noted Kegg. "I think that it is our title (NWAACC title) to give away. If we do what we are supposed to and we are all healthy, were not going to lose it, not at home. Lane will be tough, they have a good women's squad and Spokane could surprise us a little bit. On the guys' side we have a chance to win it, but we are not the front runner.

"We want everyone to know that we are at home and that we are trying to win two NWAACC titles. If we can get a lot of support then that will make a big difference."

Rachel Austin placed second to become an All-American at the multi-event championships and Jazzmin Reece came in at the 8th spot. Both athletes will be competing at the region championships this weekend.

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