

Murphy, Dodge, relays shine

Holliday breaks own record at UO Invitational

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The Cougar track teams traveled to the University of Oregon on Saturday to participate in the Oregon Invitational. The competition was well represented by athletes from colleges all over the Northwest.

The highlight of the weekend came when Becky Holliday broke her own record for pole vault, raising the national record to 13'9 1/4". Her jump was announced over the loudspeaker as tenth in the world.

"It's pretty amazing to have an athlete of that level here at Clackamas," said Assistant Coach Mike Hickey. "Her commitment level from the winter is really paying off. Her patience and dedication to the sport are examples for all of us to follow."

Trevor Dodge had an exceptional race in the 1500 meters, with a time of 3:53.22, placing fourth all-time at Clackamas. Dodge is the defending NWAACC cross-country champion.

"He raced very competitively," said Hickey. "We talked about racing for place, and that's what he did."

In the women's 4x100 meter relay, Clackamas came in fifth but ran the second fastest time in school history. Hickey said this was "a really good showing."

In the men's 4x400 meter relay, the Cougars took third with a time of 3:19.67.

In the high jump, Mary Murphy came in second overall with a jump of 5'6", beating the University of Oregon's top jumper.

Cory Loebel had another solid week, finishing tenth in the shot put with a throw of 49'8" and tenth



PHOTO BY MIKE HICKEY

Clackamas pole vaulter Becky Holliday soars to a new national junior college record in the women's pole vault at the Oregon Invitational last Saturday. Several Cougar athletes participated in the meet at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus.

in the hammer defeating his Mt. Hood rival, Bryant Strot.

Tim Morse took seventh in pole vault, launching himself to 15'1". This was Morse's best vault this season, becoming Clackamas' top placer in the pole vault.

This was a big meet for Clackamas because of the stiff competition and as an opportunity for them to show their strength.

"It's interesting to see which athletes will step up and which ones are going to come through at the big invites where the competition is heavy. These are the athletes that hopefully will help lead the rest of the team through to the end of the year," said Hickey. "This is the time when we begin our push for the end of the year."



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Clackamas' Cory Loebel throws the hammer during competition at the Oregon Invitational held last Saturday in Eugene. Loebel finished tenth in the hammer and tenth in the shot put.

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