

NWAACC Championships May 24-25 in Spokane

Women's track points to NWAACC after winning Southern Division championship

Men meet success as runners-up

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The Clackamas track teams traveled to Lane CC May 11 and 12 for

the Southern Region Championships. The Cougars did well with the women taking first and the men second.

"We had some really good performances individually, but the men didn't quite get together as a team as the women did," said Head Track Coach Jack Kegg. "The women had an outstanding meet."

Four of the five highest individual point scorers for the women were Clackamas athletes. Rachel Austin had the most points with 45, but Jazzmin Reece was right

behind her with 44½ points. Austin won both the 100-meter dash and 200 with personal best times. She also won the 100-meter hurdles, was part of both winning relay teams and two weeks ago, she was the Southern Region Champion in the heptathlon. Reece was the queen

of second place, taking second in the 100, long jump, triple jump and the heptathlon. She also came in fourth in the 200, fifth in javelin and was a part of the winning 400-meter relay team.

Mary Murphy was the third

place scorer in the competition, finishing with 41 points. Murphy won the high jump, the 800, was part of both winning relays and won the long jump with a personal best of 17-4, which was the fifth best jump in school history. She also took third in the heptathlon. The other top scorer was Becky Holliday. Holliday tied her national record in the pole vault, setting the Southern Region record at 14-0. She also took third in the long jump behind teammates Murphy and Reece, won the 400 and was part of both winning relay teams. The score of these four women combined could have beaten the second place team in the region, which was Clark.

The men's second place win was below their expectations even though they had a winning relay team and broke or tied individual school and Southern Region records.

"They just haven't come together as a team yet," said Kegg. "When they get some team enthusiasm, they can be unbeatable. I think they still have the talent to win an NWAACC title. The men are going to have to come back with a little more fire and redeem themselves."

Marcus Cooper won the high jump and tied the Southern Region record of 6-11. He now leads the conference in the long jump by five inches. Isaac Fredrick won the 100-meter dash with a school record. He also won the 200 and was a part of the winning 400-meter relay team. Cory Loebl was second in the shot put and discus and fourth in the hammer throw. Trevor Dodge won the 1500 and took second in the 800. Tim Morse was second in the long jump and fourth in the pole vault.

Cougar baseball loses to Lane, splits twinbill with Linn-Benton



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The Clackamas baseball team went through another up-and-down week, losing on the road to Lane CC, then splitting a road doubleheader against Linn-Benton CC.

Tuesday, Lane CC put together three two-run innings, defeating Clackamas 6-0. The Cougars scattered 11 hits, but couldn't put them together in bunches to score against the Titans.

Wes Warfield started on the mound for Clackamas and "pitched a pretty decent ballgame," according to Head Coach Robin Robinson. "He (Warfield) just couldn't get any big outs when we really could

have used them."

Chris Silva led the hit parade for Clackamas with two base hits, but was left in scoring position both times.

Saturday, the Cougars traveled to Linn-Benton CC in Albany. Clackamas split the twinbill, winning the first game 8-1 before losing the nightcap 9-1.

In the first game, Aaron Shanks kept up his impressive pitching efforts, scattering five hits over six innings, and notching his third win of the season. Matt Paulsen led the first game domination with three hits, while Mike Armstrong, Scott Hunter and Matt Cooksey each contributed run-scoring doubles in the Cougar blowout win.

"We swung the bats real well and we got very solid pitching from Shanks," Robinson said. "It was one of our better efforts of the year. I always knew that we would have a breakout game, unfortunately, it comes a little late in the year."

Luke Holscher started the sec-

ond game for CCC and got shelled in the first two innings giving up five earned runs as the Cougars lost 9-1.

"We started our normal starting lineup in the first game, and the guys who didn't start in the first game ended up playing a lot in the second," Robinson said. "It is the end of the season for us and we just want to get everyone some playing time."

Armstrong went 6-9 batting in the doubleheader rapping out two doubles and two triples while Hunter and Cooksey added two-base hits in the second game.

Clackamas winds up the 2001 baseball season against Lane CC in a home doubleheader Thursday on the Cougar diamond. Lane is currently third in the NWAACC Southern Division standings, so the twinbill will have playoff implications. Only the top two teams from each division go on to the NWAACC tournament, so Lane will be fired up to play well. Cougar pride is at stake in the doubleheader, so the coach is optimistic

about his team and how they will perform.

"We will start Shanks in one of the two games; we will see if we can get him some votes onto the All-League team. Some of our other guys should get some mention as well," Robinson said. "We have not had a very good season, but all of our players have performed near their best. It is all that I could have asked from them. Just a few more breaks here and there and it could be us fighting for a playoff spot."

One of the brighter spots lately for the Cougars is the recruitment of freshman Joel Odegaard from Newberg High School. His solid play behind the plate has been a real plus for CCC.

"Joel has been real solid and is a really good sign for us for next year," Robinson said. "With a good off-season and some time to work on more consistent hitting, Joel will be a real good player in the 2002 season. He is already a good defensive catcher."

The doubleheader with Lane CC begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

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