

Injuries to Fredericks, Morse hurt men's chances to win championship

Women's track second, men's team third at NWAACC

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The Clackamas Cougars' men's and women's track teams finished third and second respectively at the NWAACC Championships held last week in Spokane. Clackamas' combined score of 259 points was also good for second place overall, behind the Community College of Spokane.

"I was very happy with the overall performance of both teams, especially on the women's side," said Head Coach Jack Kegg. "We had some misfortune on the men's side, which cost us some points. But overall, I was very pleased."

On the men's side, a couple of injuries to key people on the first day of the meet kept the men from challenging the title. Isaac Fredericks, who going into the meet was the conference leader in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, was injured in the 100 preliminaries. This knocked him out of the meet and cost the Cougars at least a

chance at two wins and 20 points for the team.

Tim Morse, the conference leader in the 110 high hurdles going into the NWAACC, pulled a hamstring while competing in the pole vault, knocking him out of the hurdles. Morse gritted out a tough win in the pole vault, vaulting 15-5 3/4, defeating teammate Josh Cummings, who vaulted 15 feet.

Marcus Cooper finished second in the high jump, leaping 6-9 3/4, and third in the triple jump, jumping 47-1 1/2, setting a personal best in the process by over two feet. Cooper also ran the anchor leg in both relays, helping CCC to first place in the 4x100 relay and a second place finish in the 4x400 relay.

In the 4x100 relay, Clackamas was in second place going into the final leg, but Cooper took the baton and ran down the conference's 100 meter champion from Mt. Hood CC, eventually overtaking him and crossing the finish line in a team time of 42.25 seconds.

Tyler Anderson ran personal

bests in the preliminary heats on his way to a fifth place finish in the 100 meters and a fourth place finish in the 200 meters.

Travis King finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 47.69 seconds, which was only .03 seconds off of the Clackamas school record. King's time also placed him in the top five in the nation for junior college sprinters.

Cory Loebel capped off an outstanding season with first place finishes in the discus and the hammer throw. Loebel's throw of 169-7 in the discus was a championship meet record and only two inches off the school record. Loebel set a personal best in the hammer throw by over 20 feet, heaving the hammer 183-9, which is the second-best throw in NWAACC history. Loebel also finished second in the shot put, losing the conference championship by only 1/2 inch.

On the women's side, Becky Holliday continued her record-breaking season, winning the pole vault with a new national junior

college record of 14-4. Holliday also finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 56.23 seconds, placing her second in the nation in that event. She also ran a personal best of 25.55 seconds in the 200-meter preliminaries and finished third in the 200-meter finals.

Jazzmin Reece finished second in the triple jump, leaping 35-8 1/2, and also finished sixth in the 100 meters. Mary Murphy won the conference championship in the high jump, clearing 5-7. Murphy also finished fifth in both the long jump and the triple jump.

Krystal Schneider won the shot put on a sprained ankle suffered in the preliminaries, throwing 39-9 3/4. Schneider finished third in the discus with a toss of 126-6 and fifth in the hammer throw with a mark of 131-7.

Whitney Bond also picked up key points for the women, finishing fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5-1 and sixth in the triple jump, with a jump of 33-5 1/4.

"We got the performances that I thought that we needed to finish high in the standings," said Coach Kegg. "If not for the injuries to Morse and Fredericks, the men would have scored much higher. We showed a lot of improvement throughout the entire season, and it all culminated with the performances in this championship meet."

The women's team loses a lot of athletes for next season, while the men only lose sophomores Loebel and Cummings. Although the two male athletes represented a lot of points to the team, Coach Kegg is optimistic about next year.

"It has been very fortunate for us that we have had some big-time athletes compete here, as far as reputation is concerned. It helps us a lot in the recruiting battles. We have had good luck in attracting top-caliber athletes to this college, and if our performances this year are examples of the kind of athlete coming to this campus, then we will be all right indeed."

Driggers and Borde shine at softball all-star game

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Two of Clackamas' own participated in the Sophomore All-Star game last Thursday in Linnwood, Wash. hosted by Edmonds Community College.

Melissa Borde and Julia Driggers were part of the South/West league

team who beat the eastern team 6-0. Borde played left field and was one for three at the plate and scored one of the six runs.

Driggers played the designated hitter and was one for three at the plate hitting a double and one RBI.

In game two, the South/West team competed against the Northern League all-star team losing 2-1. Driggers, as catcher, hit a sacri-

fice bunt in the bottom of the fifth inning that scored the only run of the game. Borde was 0-1 at the plate.

"Both kids played real well," said Coach Paul Fiskum.

Driggers is currently being recruited from George Fox University but is still not sure where she wants to attend.

Borde has offers from Western

Oregon and University of North Carolina in Pembroke.

Darcy Hertel was also chosen for the all-star game but could not attend because of academic reasons. Homework had to take priority according to Fiskum. Hertel has offers from Willamette University, Salem and Portland State University.

The entire 2001 softball team will

be ending the year with a 3.0 or above grade point average, which is the highest the softball program has seen in years.

"It is an outstanding achievement, I am really proud of the girls," said Fiskum.

All four sophomores on the team will be ending their career at Clackamas with an Associate of Arts degree.


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Softball Player of the Week



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Cathy Lawrence batted .400 at the NWAACC softball tournament last week. She drove in two runs with her bat and committed

no errors while playing in the outfield. Lawrence is a freshman at Clackamas and is a graduate of LaSalle High School.