

Track team competes well at Mt. Hood

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The Clackamas track team left the Mt. Hood Open Track and Field Meet on March 9 with some positive individual marks.

In the men's long jump, the Cougars' Isaac Frederick placed first. Frederick finished third in the first heat of the 100 meter dash, with a time of 11:03. In the second heat, Emil Schaffroth captured first, while John Knez placed second in the fourth heat.

The Cougars took the top three spots in the men's pole vault with Jesse Dean placing first with a height of 15'0". Tuk Hodgen took second with a height of 14'6", as Matt Muravez ended up in third with a vault of 14'0".

Sarah Rose took first in the women's pole vault as well as placing second in the women's hammer. In the men's hammer

throw, Paul Etter finished second, followed by Kelly Howlett who placed third. Etter also took second in the men's discus.

In the relays, the Clackamas women's team finished second in the 400 meter relay and the 1600 meter relay.

Kari Rissmiller placed first in the women's 800 meter. Maria Skipper took first in the first heat of the women's 200 meter. For the men's 200 meter, Emil Schaffroth finished second in the third heat.

Cory Swim beat out the competition in the men's triple and high jump, placing first in both competitions.

On March 16, the Cougars travel to Bellingham, Wash., for the Western Dual, facing Highline Community College in a dual meet. Head Coach Jack Kegg is looking for a tough competition with Highline's men's squad.

"Highline's got a pretty

good men's team, so we expect a battle," Kegg said.

Highline's women's program was nearly extinct last year, but with the addition of a new coach, they look to improve. Coach Kegg feels that his women should conquer the Thunderbirds.

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Upcoming Meets

March 16 - Western Dual
(Seattle)

March 22 - Lane Invite
(Eugene)

March 25-26 - Mt. Hood Multi.
(Gresham)

March 30-31 - Stanford
Invitational
(Palo Alto, Calif.)

April 6 - Southern Region
Preview
(Gresham)

April 13 - Mt. Hood Relays
(Gresham)



Emil Schaffroth passes off the baton to Isaac Frederick at the Mt. Hood Open Track and Field Meet on March 9.

Softball grabs second

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The women's softball team placed second last weekend at the Chucker Classic tournament in Ontario, Oregon, a seven-team tournament where most opponents had one extra month of playing time, a luxury Clackamas did not have.

Saturday, game one against Idaho State, was the Cougars first win of the season, 6-1.

"It was a great way to start our season," said Coach Paul Fiskum. Casey Lapp, a sophomore pitcher, threw four strikeouts and allowed only one walk and one run was attributed to an error.

Game two, against Ricks Community College, "overall may have been our best game in the tournament," said Fiskum. "We shut them out."

Vanessa Holm, also a sophomore pitcher, allowed seven hits, had six strikeouts and one walk. With the bases loaded in the first inning, she was able to get out of the jam with three strikeouts.

"We played good defense. We had no errors," said Fiskum.

Game three was against the Treasure Valley Chuckers, the first place winners and host of tournament.

Chucker's pitcher, VanKampen, is from Holland and was an Olympic pitcher.

"It was a pitcher's duel all the way," said Fiskum about the first game against Treasure Valley.

"She (VanKampen) was very, very talented," said Fiskum.

VanKampen threw 12 strikeouts, making it an amazing 1-0 win for the Cougars.

"We had more strikeouts than we've ever had in a win in my history of coaching," said Fiskum.

Miranda Gillaspie, pitched a no-hitter up until the seventh in-

ning for the Cougars.

"She was in command the whole game," said Fiskum.

The Cougars played the Chuckers on Sunday for the Championship. The Cougars were undefeated, requiring the Chuckers to win two in a row to bring home the championship. According to Fiskum, the Cougars thought they had it in the bag. The Chuckers thought differently. Three out of five wins fell short of the first place trophy. Fiskum thought they should have brought it home.

"I think we have the caliber of team that we should be looking at the other trophy. It's hard not to be disappointed. I think we just ran out of gas," said Fiskum. With seven strikeouts, the Cougars didn't produce much offensively. The first championship game loss, 3-0, left both teams riding into game two of the championship.

The first four innings the game remained tied with no runs scored. Fifth inning, four runs scored with two errors.

"They had some nice hits," said Fiskum. Once again the Cougars had a hard time offensively. "We just couldn't generate any offense."

The rest of the game remained about the same as the first four innings, Cougars losing 4-0.

"You can't win if you don't score," sighed Fiskum. "Second place is good. We had trouble hitting the ball."

The Cougars play Pima and Chandler-Gilbert Community Colleges in Arizona, March 22 and 25. "They have a great softball program over there," said Jim Jackson, athletic director. "It should really show what our team is made of."

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Cougar offense carries team in victory

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The Cougar diamond-men traveled to Longview, Wash., on March 9 to take on the highly ranked Red Devils of Lower Columbia College, and split the double-header.

The first game ended in a Cougar loss, 4-1, as freshman Jordan Denney threw a complete game of six innings but was unable to prevent the loss.

"That's a well pitched baseball game, we just didn't make a couple of plays behind him," said Head Coach Robin Robinson.

According to Robinson, Lower Columbia has a tremendous hitting program, but they were off-balance and unsure against Clackamas on Satur-

day. The pitching was the main reason that Lower Columbia had so much trouble, as many times Denney started the batters off with a strike, which allowed him to mix his pitches as much as he wanted. Denney finished the game with six strikeouts, two walks and two hit batters.

Offensively, Matt Paulsen led off the fourth inning by getting on base on an error, then drew a balk to advance to second and proceeded to score on a single by Jesse Gaylord. This was the only run scored by the Cougars in the first game of the day, but they made it on base multiple times.

The Cougars came out for the second game with an offensive punch and beat Lower Columbia with a score of 6-5.

Colin Griffen, Scott Hunter and Paul Monroe were all two-for-four in the game, with Griffen scoring two runs and Hunter scoring one. Nik Mason squeeze bunted in a run and kept the offense rolling.

"That's pretty good production throughout the line up," said Robinson.

Matt Paulsen went five innings for the Cougars and allowed three runs, and Brandon Gleich was the winning pitcher after going two innings.

Next up for the Cougar baseball team is another double-header, this time taking them to McMinnville to battle against the Linfield JV on Thursday March 14.

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