

Track teams run away with 13 first-place finishes

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Clackamas' track and field teams proved to be some of the strongest in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges as the men grabbed seven first-place awards, while the women took six last Saturday, April 6, at the Southern Region Preview at Mt. Hood Community College.

The Cougars virtually swept both the men's and women's pole vault and 5000m run. Leading the way in the women's pole vault was Sara Rowse with a jump of 11'6". Finishing closely behind Rowse in second and third places were Dasha Wakefield (11'0") and Elisabeth Malsey (10'6"). Malsey's vault was a 6-inch improvement from the last meet.

Stacy Hopkins paced all competitors in the women's 5000m run with a time of 20 minutes, 10 seconds to earn first place. The rest of the field finished at least one minute behind Hopkins with Clackamas' Jennie Hardie (21:06.00), Alyssa Anderson (21:28.50), and Rebecca Neal (21:49.21) following.

Just as impressive was the men's 5000m run, as the Cougars took the top three spots. Pat Searing (15:52.92) took first place while Brad Brolin (16:00.70) and Ryan Hennessy (16:16.08) finished second and third. All three runners set personal records in this event.

In the men's pole vault, Clackamas vaulters finished first through fifth, with Jesse Dean (15'0") placing first followed by Matt Muravez (14'6"), Richard Walker (14'6"), Tuk Hodgen (14'0"), and Seth Mashalek (14'0").

Paul Etter finished the day with two first-place awards. He

won the discus throw by bettering his closest opponent by nearly eight feet. Etter also won the men's hammer throw with a toss of 185'11". Finishing third in the hammer throw was the Cougar's Kelly Howlett (148'4").

One of the most intriguing events of the day was in the men's 800m run. The top four speedsters in the conference raced in the same heat. Clackamas' Rusty Pruden had his best race of the short sea-

son but fell to second place when Clark's Micah Hulbert outran him by less than one second. The Cougars' Andre Williams finished fifth.

In the women's 400m run, Clackamas' Maria Skipper set the fastest time in the NWAACC this year by burning up the track en route to first place with a time of 59.85 seconds. Skipper also finished in a fifth-place tie in the women's pole vault with a leap of 10 feet. Clackamas Head Coach Jack Kegg is looking ahead to the

hurdles with a time of 58.02 seconds. Pruden and Matt Solosabal took the top two spots in the 3000m steeplechase. Corey Swim finished second in the long jump and third in the javelin. Steve Groff took first in the triple jump. Possibly the most impressive outcome was when Matt Tondreau finished second in the high jump and fifth in the triple jump. It was his first meet since finishing the basketball season in March.

Other top finishers for the Cougars: Rebekah Yancoskie (Women's 800m) ran a personal best 2:20.90, which is the eighth-best finish of all time at Clackamas. Kari Rissmiller (2:22.69) finished second in the event and placed first in the women's 1500m with a time of 4:58.49. In addition to her top performance in the pole vault, Rowse

chucked the hammer 139'8" to earn first place in the women's hammer throw. Isaac Frederick took first in the men's 200m with a time of 22.35 seconds. Frederick also set the third-best time in the conference in the 400m with a personal record time of 49.78 seconds. Andre Williams (4:08.88) finished third in the 1500m. Ben Kennedy took third place in the 400m

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Matt Solosabal takes a lap around Clackamas' track in preparation for the meets that loom in the future. After going to Mt. Hood on April 13, the Cougars will come home to host the Cougar Invite.



Greed blocks line of sight at Wrigley Field



From the bleachers

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Oh, the insanity! Just when it seems that contraction has been pocketed and Major League Baseball appears content on playing a boy's game, the Chicago Cubs have gone and upset the tranquility of the sport.

Did the world say anything when the Cubs traded away Lou Brock or Greg Maddux? No. Has anyone complained that the Cubs have not won a National League pennant since 1945 or a World Series since 1908? No.

Perhaps it was their cute little name with their innocent-looking mascot, but the world sat silent through what has been nearly a hundred years of stupidity on the part of the Cubs.

But now the team that plays in the oldest National League ballpark in operation, Wrigley Field, is messing with tradition, and this must not go unnoticed.

The Chicago Cubs have plans to expand Wrigley by 2,000 seats and add windscreens for "security" purposes, along with other "improvements" to the stadium. Both will hinder the view of the games from the rooftops of nearby apartment buildings.

For decades, Chicagoans have been able to watch their beloved Cubs rest in mediocrity from the tops of buildings that sit adjacent to Wrigley Field. But now, in their greedy attempt to snatch more money from their fan base, the Cubs are toying with the idea of

preventing the "roofers" from participating in one of the most storied baseball traditions.

People pay large amounts of money to watch a baseball game from outside the stadium. This season alone, the price for just one game on the roof of the Bricken Ivy apartment building ranges from \$65 to \$125.

But not only are individuals paying to sit in a lawn chair on a roof, but they are also getting four bathrooms and two showers, a presentation room, seven big screen televisions, beverages, a fireplace, dance floor, grilled burgers, and dining tables all supplied by the building managers.

Could you imagine watching Sammy Sosa hit one out of the park while you are getting your groove on with a hot blonde? Truly, that would be the pinnacle of any male's life.

Yet now this seems to be coming to an end, as the Cubs have already placed darkened windscreens surrounding the perimeter of the ball park, claiming that by obstructing the view from the outside, the team will be protecting the lives of those inside.

While small airplanes are still allowed to fly over Wrigley, the team believes that the windscreens will act as a shield for ticket-buyers and athletes alike.

Chicago Alderman Bernard Hansen is countering this selfish stride by proposing to let apartment buildings soar to 73 feet. Currently, buildings surrounding Wrigley can max out at 61 feet tall, but with a 12-foot increase, the windscreens and ballpark adjustments will not prevent "roofers" from seeing the entire expanse of Wrigley.

So as the drama of Chicago and its historic Wrigley Field plays out, the world watches in anxious anticipation.

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