

Personal records broken, men win at Invite



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Dasha Wakefield set personal records in both the javelin and pole vault Saturday. She tossed the javelin 110 feet, 8 inches and vaulted an NWAACC-leading 12 feet, 1 inch.

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The Cougar Invite was held on campus Saturday, April 20, and the men's team had a very strong showing against several four-year schools, finishing in the top spot, while the women had good individual efforts but finished last as a team.

The track coach, Jack Kegg, said his team isn't very deep in each event, but they have at least one excellent athlete who consistently finishes in first or second place, boosting the overall score for the team. The Cougars are more than halfway through the track season and have qualified 19 of 28 men and 12 of 15 women for the upcoming Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championships.

"Our goal is to qualify 25 men and all 15 of the women," said Kegg. He added that there has never been a single team to qualify the maximum 25 competitors for the NWAACC championships. "They implemented the maximum 25 rule (several years ago) because previously we have qualified more than that."

Isaac Frederick, at 21.70 seconds, blazed the track in the men's 200-meter dash and finished first, two-tenths of a second ahead of Portland State's Anthony

Robinson. Clackamas' Rusty Pruden placed second in the men's 1500 at 3:58.64, which is the fastest time in the conference this year. In the same event, Matt Solosabal's time (4:04.34) qualified him for the NWAACC championships.

In the field events, Paul Etter, who is rated the best freshman and third overall in the nation for junior colleges in the hammer throw, finished second with a throw of

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185 feet, 1 inch. Etter also finished second in the shot put and first in the discus. It was a four-inch improvement on his discus throw and a two-inch improvement in the shot put.

Dasha Wakefield vaulted a personal best of 12-1 in the women's pole vault, which ties her with teammate Sara Rowse for the highest mark in the conference this season. Wakefield improved in the javelin, throwing 110-8. Kegg said she has been working hard to im-

prove her javelin throw for the upcoming heptathlon meet next Monday and Tuesday at Lane Community College.

Kari Rissmiller ran 10 minutes, 34 seconds to first-place in the women's 3,000, which was her personal best time and it placed her eighth on Clackamas' all-time list. Stacy Hopkins (11:26.50) and Jennie Hardie (11:31.40) had NWAACC qualifying times in the event.

Tiana Setser set several high marks in the women's triple jump, including the third-best leap of all time at Clackamas. In addition, it was an NWAACC qualifier and is the best jump in the conference this year. Because of hardships, it was Setser's first meet in nearly two years. She just became eligible to participate on Friday, April 19.

The men's and women's track teams have several meets to attend this weekend and early next week. Some athletes will be heading to Eugene to participate in the University of Oregon Invitational, others will go to the Western Oregon Open, and some will simply rest for Monday and Tuesday's heptathlon and decathlon events at Lane, which are crucial in qualifying for the Southern Region and NWAACC championships.

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Cougar baseball tries to climb out of a slump

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After several players went down with injuries, the baseball team lost three out of four games on the road, with a one-point margin on each loss. After the losses, the Cougar men had a record of 5-11 in league games.

To start the road trip, the Cougars went to Southwestern Oregon Saturday, April 20, to play a regularly scheduled doubleheader. Although the Cougars got pretty good offense out of J.R. Richardson, who was two-for-four, and Colin Griffin, who was a perfect five-for-five with two RBIs, they left 12 men standing on base, waiting to come home. This inability to score helped Southwestern overtake Clackamas by one point, making the final score a very close 5-4.

The second half also went Southwestern's way. While the Cougars had seven hits, they left eight men on base. Beau Holstad was two-for-four and Tom Henderson was two-for-three with two RBIs, but they were unable to lead their team over Southwestern, falling again 5-4.

The Cougars came back the next day to play Southwestern once again, this time to make up

for the rainouts of April 16. Jeremiah Beckert went out and pitched a good game, grabbing the win and snapping the losing streak that Clackamas had fallen into. Beckert only gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out three, while getting some strong offense from Scott Hunter, Matt Paulsen and Jesse Gaylord.

After coming back from a one-run deficit going into the seventh, it looked as though the Cougars were about to sweep the Sunday doubleheader as they led 4-2 going into the bottom of the seventh. But somehow Southwestern came back to retake the game, winning 5-4. Jordan Denney pitched a great six innings, according to Head Coach Robin Robinson. Paulsen came in to relieve him and ultimately picked up the loss. Dewey Steinmetz hit a home run as well as a double, but Clackamas still left six men on base.

For the Cougars, this was their 16th loss of the season, and they are now at the basement of the Southern Region of the NWAACC standings. The next baseball games the men played were on Tuesday, April 23, on the home diamond. The Cougars lost the first game by a score of 6-5, but results of the second were unavailable at press time.

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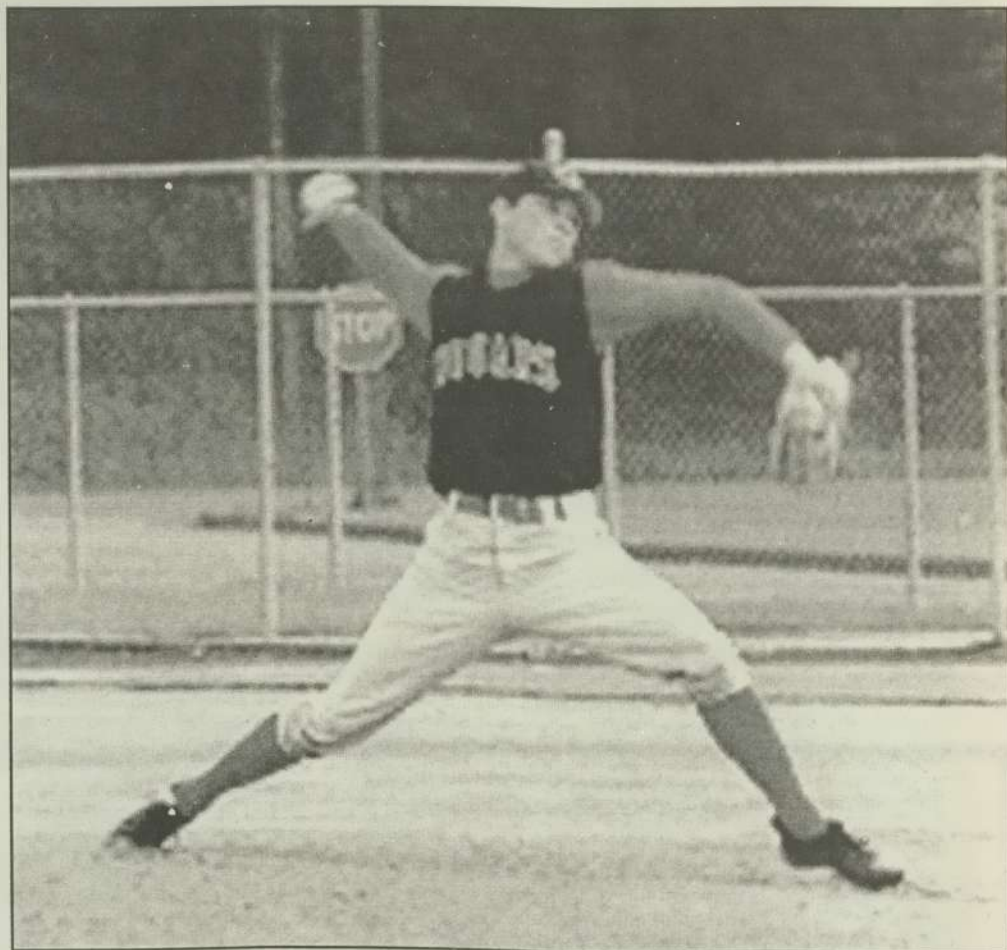


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Josh Gaylord pitched against the Mt. Hood Saints on April 23, where Clackamas added to their 16 losses with the Saints holding on to the win with a score of 6-5.