

Cross Country hoofing it to success

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Clackamas Cross Country is on the verge of wrapping up a successful 2003 season.

Currently the women are in first place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College (NWAACC) standings; they have not placed lower than any other NWAACC team this season.

The men are second behind Spokane, who gave Clackamas their only NWAACC loss this season.

On Oct. 11 the Cougars had a strong showing at the Clark Invite. According to Head Cross Country

Coach Keoni McHone, the conditions were wet and cold, causing 10 of the competitors to fall.

The men ran their way to a second place finish, with a team score of 76. The women finished third overall with a team score of 91. On the men's side, John Butkey finished first overall with a course record time of 25:32. Eli Nevarez finished second overall with a time of 25:53.

Saturday, Sept. 6, the Cougars started off the season by traveling to Moscow, Idaho for the Idaho Invite. The Cougar men and women were not allowed to score as a team because they were running against NCAA Division One schools Washington State, Eastern Washington and Idaho.

On the women's side Tiffany Passi finished 25 out of 41 runners with a time of 16:45. Ashley Adams finished 28th with a time of

17:16. The men were led by Butkey, who finished 10th out of the 46 runners, with a time of 21:01.

The Cougars' only home meet this year was the New Balance Festival of Champions on Sept. 13.

The men were unable to score as a team because they only had four eligible athletes, but the Clackamas women took first place with a team score of 15.

Passi came in first out of 14 runners with a personal record time of 19:26. Leslie Bartell finished third with a time of 20:08.

The Cougars also ran in the Sundodger Invite, which was held on Sep. 27 in Seattle.

The men finished tenth overall with a team score of 280. Butkey finished 13th out of 203 runners with a time of 25:14. Nevarez finished in the 27th spot with a time of 25:47.

The women's team came in with a 13th place finish with a team score of 336. Passi once again led the way finishing as number 34 overall with a time of 18:58. Bartell came in 61st with a time of 19:24.

The Willamette Invite was held in Salem on Oct. 4, and the men and women's teams finished 11th and 14th, respectively.

This Saturday the Cougars will participate in the NWAACC Southern Region Championships, held in Eugene. McHone is confident his runners will have a strong showing.

"We look to win it on both sides," said McHone.

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Keoni McHone
Head Cross Country Coach



KEONI MCHONE CONTRIBUTED

Freshman Tiffany Passi (531) battles through the pack during the Willamette Invite, held on Oct. 4 in Salem. The women's team finished 14th overall. She also captured 1st place at the New Balance Festival of Champions with a PR time of 19:26.

Soccer has four games remaining to determine playoff eligibility

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Clackamas women's soccer has played a good-at-times, bad-at-times sophomore season in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' (NWAACC) 2003 campaign.

"Our season has been up and down, but we have played our butts

off and have had some success on the field," said Head Coach Tracy Nelson. "The playoffs are coming up and we need to build some momentum heading in."

The Cougars currently are fourth in the Southwest Division of the NWAACC, trailing Highline CC, Green River CC and Lower Columbia College in the standings. Clackamas is coming off of a loss

to Lower Columbia last Saturday in Longview, Wash., by a score of 1-0.

Ashlee Strachan, a freshman from Portland's Lincoln High School, is the team's leading goal scorer with eight, while freshman Stevie Smith, from Canby, has six goals from her forward position.

Sophomore Debbie Sheehan, from Seward, Alaska and freshman

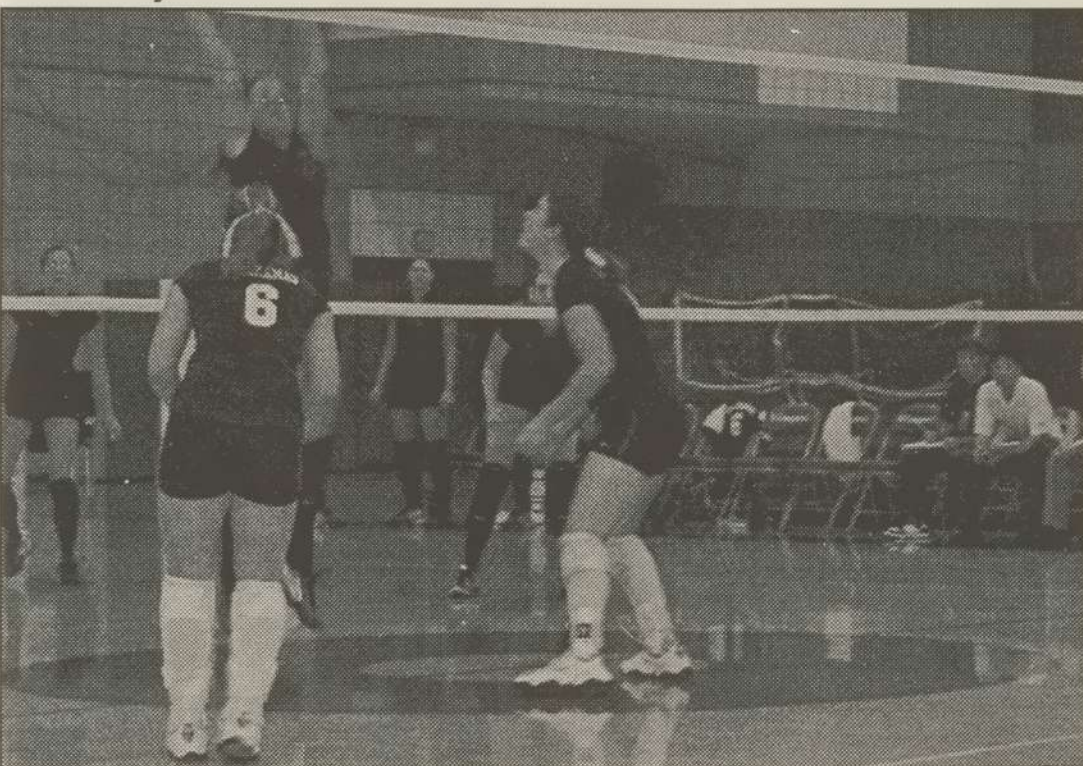
Kali Smith, from Gresham, Ore., have been splitting the goalkeeping duties this season and both have performed pretty well in the nets.

"We have played some teams well and we have played some teams that have taken it to us," said Nelson. "We had some early season success, but we have hit kind of a lull in the last couple of weeks. We have to step up the intensity in

these last few games."

The Cougars have four games left in the regular season, beginning today with a 4 p.m. home game against Tacoma CC. Tacoma is currently in last place in the division. The team will travel to Seattle on Saturday to take on Shoreline CC beginning at 1 p.m. in the last road game of the regular season.

Volleyball ranked number one in NWAACC coaches' poll



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Lindsay Schiely and Becky Horn (6) focus during last Friday's game against Lane. They were defeated in five sets by scores of 30-21, 25-30, 30-28, 27-30 and 13-15.

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With two-thirds of the season already over, the Clackamas volleyball team currently is ranked number one in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) coaches' poll.

On Oct. 17, Mt. Hood CC visited the Clackamas gym and handed the Cougars their first league loss of the season by scores of 30-21, 25-30, 30-28, 27-30 and 13-15. Mt. Hood is in second place in the NWAACC Southern Region behind Clackamas.

Sophomore Lindsey Schiely led the offense with 26 kills; she ranks third in the NWAACC Southern Region with 90 kills in league play. Ashley Codotte followed with 14 kills against the Saints. Tara Andrew led the defense with 21 digs.

"It was a really great match Friday night, one that either team could have won," said Head Coach Kathie Woods.

The Cougars are 5-1 in league

play, have a 14-3 record in 3/5 matches and an overall record of 18-4.

The Cougar roster is loaded with experience; seven players are returning from last season.

"The way they work as a team the returning players are on a mission to win the NWAACC's," said Woods. "They are really stepping up."

Woods knows the Southern Region can be difficult.

"Any team in the south can beat any other team on any given night."

Tonight, the Cougars will play at home against Lane CC. This is a must win for the Cougars. If they don't win tonight, they will fall into a tie for the top spot in the Southern Region with Mt. Hood.

"It's going to be tough; we are expecting another thriller-type game," said Woods.

This Friday and Saturday, the Cougars will participate in the Mt. Hood Halloween Classic in Gresham. According to Woods, only the best NWAACC teams are invited to play in this tournament.