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Clackamas Cross Country celebrates their finish at the NWAACC championship. Pictured from left to right: Ashley Adams, Eli Nevarez, Samantha Cox, Issac Guzman, Lyndsey Bartell, Leslie Bartell, Juanita Curry, Jeremy Branson, Tiffany Passi, Hipolito Gonzalez, John Butkey, Ira LaFontaine and Ben Dowdy. The Cougar men's and women's teams both placed second overall. The Cougar runners also won the co-ed combined title.

Cross Country runs away with combined team title

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A stellar performance at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championships ended the 2003 season for Clackamas Cross Country.

"Overall at the NWAACC's, we raced well as a team," said Head Coach Keoni McHone.

The championships were held on Nov. 8 at Spokane Falls Community College; participating NWAACC schools were Clark, Lane, Highline, Spokane, Mt. Hood, Bellevue, Treasure Valley and Skagit Valley community colleges.

The Cougar runners took home second place on the men and women's side. The women finished with a team score of 56, just behind champion Clark CC. The men finished with a team score of 59 behind the team champion Spokane CC. Spokane has won the NWAACC team title three years in a row. According to McHone, Spokane's cross-country program is not far behind some of the Division One schools that Clackamas and Spokane competed against earlier this year.

The Cougars were able to come home with the co-ed combined team title. The men and women's combined team score was 115.

According to www.nwaacc.org, no other NWAACC team has won the co-ed combined title without winning the team title.

Jon Butkey led the men, finishing 5th overall with a time of 25:44.

"Butkey has a winner's type attitude. He'll do whatever needs to be done and is really confident under pressure," said McHone.

Isaac Guzman and Eli Nevarez finished 10th and 11th respectively. Hipolito Gonzales finished 15th with Ira LaFontaine just behind him in 18th place, Jeremy Branson in 41st and Ben Dowdy finishing in 43rd place. Dylan Bailey of Highline CC took home the men's individual title.

Butkey, Guzman and Gonzales will return to help next year's men's team.

Leslie Bartell led the women, with a 4th place finish and a time of 19:53. Lyndsey Bartell and Tiffany Passi finished 8th and 9th respectively. In 13th place was Ashley, then Samantha Cox in 27th and Juanita Curry finished in 29th place. Highline CC's Amanda Kamm won the women's individual title.

"The women were very competitive...even though they didn't win the NWAACC's," said McHone.

Next year's women's team will be loaded with experience; all of the women are freshman and will return

to next year's crew.

McHone is happy with his team's chemistry as well the success the runners had this year.

"They really conducted themselves well as teammates," said McHone. "Everybody did a good job of respecting each other and understanding each other as well as getting a grasp on each other's differences. That positive attitude helped everyone be the best they could possibly be...they really supported each other."

The entire Cross Country team will also participate in track this year, which takes place during spring term.



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The women's soccer team works out in a recent practice. The Cougars lost to North Idaho College 3-2 in an overtime shootout on Nov. 8, ending the Cougars' season.

Soccer loses to North Idaho in playoffs

Frank Jordan
THE CLACKAMAS PRINT

The Clackamas soccer team suffered through a heart-breaking overtime loss to North Idaho College on Nov. 8, missing three shots in the shootout and losing by a score of 3-2.

Kaitlin Mitchell of North Idaho scored just 34 seconds into the game to give the Cardinals the early lead. The Cougars' Ashlee Strahan scored the equalizer in the 16th minute on a cross from Megan Moore.

The teams went into the halftime break tied at one, but North Idaho

took a 2-1 lead in the 67th minute on a goal by Rebecca Thompson. Clackamas tied the game at two in the 74th minute on a goal by Moore, with an assist credited to Cheyenne DeAngelo.

Both teams remained scoreless through the rest of regulation play and the two 15-minute overtime periods, which sent the game into a best-of-five penalty kick shootout to decide the winner.

North Idaho goalkeeper Krysti Walker made saves on the Cougars' first two shots in the shootout, while the Cardinals' Chelsey Zenner scored on North Idaho's second shot. Erica Hauck scored on North Idaho's third shot, giving the

Cardinals a 2-0 lead in the shootout.

After Walker made a save on Clackamas' fourth shot in the shootout, the game was over and North Idaho went back to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho with the 3-2 win.

"We had a tough game, but the girls battled the whole game," said Head Coach Tracy Nelson. "I couldn't be more proud of them. They came a long way from the beginning of the season and surprised a lot of people."

Last weekend, North Idaho won their second Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) championship in the last three years with a 1-0 win over Highline CC.

Upcoming Sports:

Women's Volleyball
NWAACC Championship
Nov. 21-23 in Auburn, WA

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